Whenever General Gillespie arrived, — It was dark & could not see who were around me, but as I ordered to fall in the Battalion, I sent for the Sergeant Major by my European Orderly; When the Sergt. Major came I enquired the Cause of such Conduct in the Men, and directed the Battalion should be ordered to fall in immediately; He told me that the Men had been guilty of great irregularities, and that their Complaints had been given to Colonel Smith, that the Men were then retired to their Barracks apparently satisfied, and were waiting Genl. Gillespie's arrival; Colonel Smith at the same time told me, that as the Men were then quiet, he thought I had better let them alone till the General arrived which I did. — I walked at this time a few Yds towards the Barracks & saw in, with a party of 30 or 40 of the Men standing together without their Arms or Accoutrements, I enquired the Cause of the disturbance, and the reason of such a disorderly Conduct; they said they were perfectly innocent, and had no thing to do with the disturbance, I desired them immediately to retire into their Barracks, which this Circumstance convinced me it was not. I then enquired of the Sergeant Major of a Number of the Ringleaders, who pointed out, and informed me, that there were numbers of men in the Barracks who had no concern in the Meeting — but who they said, the bad Men of the Corps that were. I asked the Sergeant Major if he could not

Anonymous Letter belonged, and desired them to make enquiry into the Truth of what was stated in it. I gave the Letter in Question into the Hands of Captain Lieutenant Burke to assist him in the Enquiry, & in the mean time, giving some Credit to the Contents of the Letter, I gave out the following Regimental Order

"The Commanding Officer having reason to suspect, that part of the Standing Orders on the subject of Lending Money has been deviated from, he once more repeats the Order, and if any Money is now due to any Person who has disobeyed the Order, it is hereby forfeited and the person so lending, if discovered, shall be severely punished."

Extract from the Standing Orders.

"Any Artillery Man who shall lend Money to another on Interest, or without the Approbation of an Officer of the Company he belongs to, shall be punished for disobedience of Orders, and forfeit the Money so lent."

"I heard nothing more of this circumstance 'till Evening Parade, when Captain Burke came up & reported to me that he had made every enquiry respecting the Accusation contained in that Letter, and that he had every reason to believe the Charge was false & groundless, and that it was wrote by a Villain who had a private pique, as a proof of which he shewed me a Letter which had been drawn up & signed by all the Men of the Company, except four or five who were out of the Way, disowning the Facts stated in the Anonymous Letter, and expressing their Indignation at the Wrote

Letter

Captain Lieut. Burke, withheld the Letter, till the Signatures of the four or five Absent Men were affixed to it."

Captain Howley made a similar Report of the Sentiments of the Men of his Company, and told me they were busy drawing out a Letter, under dictation of the Accused Sergeant, and expressing their Indignation at the Anonymous Writer.

"This Letter is, I believe, now in the Hands of Captain Howley, that given to Captain Burke I got from him, (as well as the Anonymous Letter I had given him on the Morning of the 19th by desire of General Nicols, to whom I gave both and who probably will have submitted them to the Board".

"I went on the Morning of the 20th to the two Boy Sergeants, Quigley & Brown, and when Allusion to the Anonymous Letter known, they were much hurt at the Report formed them of the Testimonies I had received against, and that I was offered of their innocence hoped they would use all their endeavours for the Ends to discover the Author of the Letter. For that purpose I authorized them to offer in my name a Reward of £5 Sterling."

Lieut. Col. Nixon now comes to the Examination which relates more immediately to himself, but I am to observe, that he deposited every thing he knew already stated to Major General

Enquired of the Centry Sentry on the disturbance that had happened he told him he knew of no disturbance a member of the Guard hunted out the Bazar but they had no Muskitt, and he did not know of there were Several Guards the Men Saw Come at the Gun Gate thinking they might be Recalled they returned into their Barracks leaving me advance Attended by the Syeans Major and Pay Sergeants of Companys & enquired if they knew any thing of the disturbance or who it was that had disturbed you - they declare it was the first had heard of it Enquired of them knew the Men having any Complaints to Lay Against Each one being among them they knew of no Complaints, but there were Quarrels among the Men for want of Rice they had paid them Cash Money the first day, and at Mid Month Rice should be made regulating what Men were in the Bazar and what had been done from the 1st the same time Serjeants Lieutenant Sir John Sinclair acting Adjutant and directed him to publish the following Regimental Order -

"The Commanding Officer requires the Officers in Command of Companies will make an Immediate Clearance of Arrears to the Pay Master Companies of half a Pagoda each as they are Entitled on a Day to

Leave the Lines, this great Concern

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the very irregular behavior of some of the Bestials in the Bazar this Morning. He trusts that none have any reason for Complaint, that is to be made in future through their respective Commanding Officers which is the proper Channel of Redress."

Lieut. Colonel Sayer thinks it his duty to inform the Board, that having ordered the following Order on the Moment, he inadvertently inserted the Phrase "in future", which may seem to imply, as was not the former practice of the Corps which however he assures the Board it is, and that it makes part of the Standing Orders of the Corps that are directed to be read by the Officers in charge of Companies once every Month at the [illegible] Inspection. The next Morning the 14th after Coming on from Killing between 8 & 9 o'Clock directed to one [illegible] into my [illegible] a Black Man, who said he picked it up on the Parade, and it was neither Sealed nor Signed it alluded to two Serjeants and a Corporal two former of whom I immediately sent both denied the Allegations brought against them in the Letter, & for them it was their indispensable Duty to discover the Author of so libellous such a view to acquitting themselves - [illegible] to [illegible] County Line Parade, the Officers a Chaise of the Lieut. Colonel [illegible] the [illegible]

In addition to the Duty they were put upon before the 18th of May, of any Month, on the Kidderminsters not before a Month, or else Weeks after it was due, and that they should consider even at this Time the Duty in their Offices hands was 15 days in advance. But desired they would let the Venders know what they might demand. They said their pay the 1st of the Month. Had a few more Words about it. I told them you the 1st and 2d Payments to be paid at once. I will order it. Then drew up the Mark they and the Serjeant should go down and serve on the Barracks. Told them this was a regulation. Had great reluctance in giving it, but if they would promise it should not be abused, I would order it to be served on the Barracks. He went away, they drew up, & forward with the Endorsement and then Staff dwelling much on the distress of the Inhabitants. I think they said they were obliged to pay Money which they had not for them. I observed that I would desire with [illegible] forwarding that Article. They also wanted they might have a free Bazar. That there were great Imposition in and although I might not know it myself my Interpreter did. Told them I did not believe it but that I would attend to any thing else was Imposition regulation of the Price Current of Provisions, and would for the future be on the Price Regulations which would be communicated every week in the Bazar and rendered in Persian & the German Languages. They gave me Thanks upon the whole and answered from Palace

Conference on the Ground Floor. Then after this and drafted the order which was sent to the Commandant and Chief when after soliciting the release of Lieutenant Brooke who had been put in Arrest on Complaint of Captain Farmer who I complied with. Negotiations a Turk an Armenian Woman should suffer in Consequence of what had happened the man returned quietly to their Duty which ended the Bazar. Had Board on my return Homeward. They should have a donor on the Duty. The Bazars are the Subject of much Discussion, on Considering the whole. The Sum of 4s Cords and 4s

[illegible] of different Detachments as low as possible
[illegible] all the Interference [illegible]
[illegible] directly or Indirectly derived any
Advantage from it or would Commission
[illegible] &c &c &c—

Major General Gates having marked
[illegible] the Board extract & ask that it
should be made to fill up the Blanks in his
Narrative, Mention the Names & the several
Persons to him alluded to—

Major General Gates observed that it was
much pleasure in giving up the [illegible] of
Body by stating that the Banks of the
he had alluded to—only that he conceived
precluded from the solemn Appeal [illegible]
the Army had no Man whom he [illegible]
had Aggrieved—

Lieutenant Colonel Lear
the 1st Battalion being called in
the Board as follows
Lieutenant Colo. Lear

The first Cause of Arrest
Head Quarters on the 20th Instant
a General Gates Lear was arrested
a Command of Major Genl Gates
Confined to his Chamber &
restrained from Liberty
Major Genl Gates sent for
Lieut Colonel Smith desiring
to know what was the Charge
Answer was given that
Lieutenant Colo. Lear
ordered to [illegible]

Dear Lady Hamilton

In this I do not mean to reflect on the 2d Conduct more than the 1st as I suppose them equally culpable but only that Not anything decided to Nicholas appeared in the Conduct of Sir Hugh before the Junction - and that a deeper knowledge Consideration of the Delicacy of an Attempt to arrest Dr Cole no matter under Any Circumstances at the expence of another Jurisdiction

The Facts in this Case is not to be disputed

Captain Nicholson made an application to the Commander in Chief and with my Opinion supporting the Measure that Should be adopted with the Militia & Artillery Calling at the Town to Breakfasting at the Tavern since it became absolutely necessary to have Troops assembled and to Lose Time, upon which Sir Hugh Signal Gun was fired from the Top of the Town and the Flying Flag hoisted at the Marine and Commander in Chief Town Council also the Alarm Gun fired and immediately Marched Towards the Barracks Proceeding any Person to follow me the Name of the

On my approach
they turned out and for me
Several rounds called and the
in my passing should be heard
them called out that
and then I stopped and
them on my usual
home to know their
made my report to
they had given them
wanting already
towards my
that seemed to
said to Cornham
the Company
the Northern
Officers for more
a Regiment an
and could
them in what
them to
consent and
upon - they
the Officers
Regiments already
they were
and order the
Interpreter could
would
they
Island on
address
could
to
from
Sworn

Smith that they Requested a Fre
Bazar Men Pay on the 1st of th
Month their Arrack served on
Barrack, and not to be deducted
Sundry Baskets — To the first
Proposition I replied that the Baz
was as free as Air, and if it were
not they had a right to have it
and that I would make it so im
Directly — That the time of the Arra
of the Bazar would determine its ter
of Sale — That the more of them
the Arrack Peaceably refused and
as all their wishes when they should
in Respectful to Print it, I told them
would take it into Consideration
Gentlemen I added that you have state
your Complaints, & you have heard
I have to say, I will keep you until 8 O'Clock
morning to Consider of your behaviour
& by that time You do not return
your Duty like good Soldiers I must
will Report your Conduct to the Co
mander in Chief and you and I must
Hard for the Consequences.

I went then to breakfast an
was Seated at Table with some of the Off
when we heard a Noise at the Barrac
ade

must be highly agreeable to themselves — It had been reported to me that no less than 15 Centries had been posted round the Governor during the preceding part of the night. and lastly in regard to the midnight Jackets and Hats, I was even Ignorant of the Institution. It was an arrangement that depended upon Colonel Smith's Lieutenants Colonel Macdonald alone — but if they should return to their Duty and draw the Guns to the Lines again, I would on a proper Representation take the Subject into Consideration. —

During all this time A Man was respectful to me and

[illegible] Officer with me - but a
[illegible] Hundred dont deserve any
[illegible] elevation to Heaven immediate
[illegible] to their duty - I left them and
[illegible] went to my Quarters

[illegible] Early on the Morning of the
[illegible] 8th Inst. Surprised by the Brit.
[illegible] and Posted Drums of the Am
[illegible] who were in front my Division
[illegible] in Observing they Surrounded us on
[illegible] Sat. in Cincinnati, for God sake Sav
[illegible] your Brave Guard & the Publ. ages
[illegible] never Known a Sea Commander (my
[illegible] an Artillery Man before Com. P
[illegible] Commissioned Turn Face your Back to
[illegible] Enemy Post Directly Contrary or such a
[illegible] to the rest Shall I mean I dare
[illegible] the Consequence May are on the
[illegible] Enemy - Sir I Consider in your
[illegible] Letter Sir I Consider well at this
[illegible] Critical Moment Insurances to me
[illegible] Sir this Insurance Seems to
[illegible] Surround and Threaten May Ruin
[illegible] Sir in Insurance to Sir

order that the Men may not be distressed for Money before the next Month Pay arrives / Their Arrears being drawn at the Godowns and cash or Cloathing made for an equivalent Sum

Told them the first Complaint had reason & think was unfound and that I would prove it to them by one of their own Corps Captain Taylor & Capt. Isaacks Company, after had given more Straight ents the Madras Regulations that had been Granted & before them order Soon they considered themselves good as most being able to get Provisions as Advantageously at the Bazaars this reason called We had told the Governor Council, that he had 9 or 10 Hundred men the Men Complain that the captains of their regiments are too high and the rents were to dear had ascertained that every Article Provision & Provisions excepted were at the same Prices as at the Mount than at Madras — Mutton & Fowls & eggs were cheaper at the Mount & must be good as at Madras — Beer

for a

than the Quantity baked at the
latter place was not only some
thing cheaper but Stale Bread
was sold at an under Price at
Madras which could not be the
Case at the Mount, as no more
was baked than was required for
the daily consumption of the
Cantonment. In Regard to their
pay being Issued sooner or later
in the Month that would depend
Intirely upon the time of the
Troops Joining from Head Quarters
The Arrangement of the
distribution of it went to every
Mess in Regular Succession
until the arrival of the Next
of the Subsequent Month
The drawing of the Arrack at
the Godown was to prevent an
abuse, and, if I was rightly
informed, such a Regulation
was

The 1st Battalion Coast Artillery
[illegible] Brigades, agreed on many Occasions
whenever the Duty called that they were
not afraid to encounter any Foe & to
unite with any Fixed Ammunition Troops in
the same Trench or any Corps in
India Foreign or Colonial Night & &c -

2. They cannot possibly Consent
to receive Pay on any other Terms than
as the Regiments Viz to have their
Quarters in the Barracks nor
will they ever be Stopped for any
Superfluous Sorts - They Return
Thanks to Major Fox from any Re-
flections which have of late been cast
upon the Battalion. -

I sent with this Despatch at
the time to General Harris to repre-
sent that Statement appeared to me
to good Grounds for Arrangement -

2 with Lieutenant Porter &
Ten Men Artillerymen who superseded a Party
from Colonel Smith & the Duke of Kent
Recollection nearly to the effect of
what I had heard from the Artillery
Major Lieutenant Colonel &c -

On my Arrival on the Camp-
ment a Party was appointed

guard

heard that I understood from Govr
Smith & the other Officers that he
had still for Guns drawn up & that
they could not be induced to return
their to their Lines.

I had now determined
written General Harris to that effect
that I would not go near them
until Morning but upon the repre-
sentations of some of the Gentlemen
I went over without delay - When
I joined to the Number of about 80
in front of the Barracks with fix
6 Brass Pieces.

I addressed them expressing
Surprize at finding them in such
Situation - General Harris even
at every endeavouring what they
pretended to respecting the Pre-
sents in the Bazar that was
Pay at the late period of the
the first Payment had. He
given them in the Morning, and
in Consequence Arrangement of more
at unfortunate period the Guns were
the terms of the second Payments a
calculated so that it may last on
the same day as the 1st Month

After reading it attentively by perusing this Letter I told Colonel Saxon I still believed every Syllable of the Anonymous production and advised him to make no Alteration in the Arrangement he had given out in Regimental Orders — I think it was while we were reading this Letter Lieutenant Colonel Smith was informed a Report came that several of the Enemy were marching a Detachment on the Bazar I directed those Gentlemen to go immediately to the Spot and enquire into the meaning of it — Pay had been received the night before but was locked up in a Portmanteau, until the Paymasters People should arrive to distribute it —

I cannot charge my Memory with the exact report Colonel Smith Saxon made to me on the Occasion but it appeared that the Men being in want of their Pay required Liberty to Bazar Articles on Credit which I believe they sometimes get however this may have been — I heard not another Word on this nor on any other Subject until an Artillery Man came from

Lieutenant

Lieutenant Cookesley on horseback
[illegible] General Harris on the
[illegible] at Night-telling
me the Road Came Express to inform
me that the Men of the 1st Battalion
had got under Arms and had taken
possession of the Main Guard & Gave
Orders all the Officers out that I
met with immediately and Collect
Augusty as soon as I had Commenced
the Message to right me to General Harris
On the road I met a note from
Lieutenant Cookesley stating he had
just been called out by a Green
Coat to Arms at the 1st Battalion
Barracks and when he arrived there he
found part of the Battalion under
Arms, and that they had Marched
down to the 2d Battalion Barracks &c
as they could not persuade them &
said they had returned quietly to their
Quarters again, or Colonel Smith having
pledged himself that the list of grie-
vances they had given him should be
complied [illegible] There follows the list of grie-
vances presented by the Men to
Colonel Smith/

Yr.

Commanding Company to Give the
Duty Sentinels to the Men -

The same day or at farthest the
day following this 15th Instant I Learn
from Colonel Saxon he had found the
order, but that he had reason to believe
from another letter he had received
which he gave to me that there was
not a word of truth in the Anonymous
Letter & Which as follows

To

Commanding Comp.y of the 1st Batt.
Artillery

Sir

In consequence of a very Mali-
cious Letter tending to defame the Char-
acter of [illegible] of the Company under
your Command which was directed to
and received by Lieutenant Colonel Saxon
the immediate Commanding Officer
of the Battalion - We the undersigned
Non Commissioned Officers & Private Men
of the Company esteem it our duty to
address you, in order to receive the Char-
acter from the falsest and most
Malicious of Accusations, which is
seemingly intended originate with our
Commandant from our Company.

In order therefore to effect this

&c

We do therefore declare that — — La[illegible]
[illegible] by any means directly or Indirectly
withheld from any one of us the small
part of Pay, by extorting Interest
for Money advanced by him as is
insidiously insinuated by the Author
of the Letter in Question, so far to the
Contrary We has ever, during the
time he paid the Company given very
considerable Sums, and obliged many with
Farms when they were in want
without any the Shew of Interest
We therefore earnestly request
You Sir, to lay this our declaration
before the Commanding Officer a[illegible]
Sincerely wish Mr Murray Joy to Com[illegible]
pletion of the Scandalous falsehoods [illegible]
in the above Mentioned Letter and
We at the same time heartily wish
that the Author may be discovered
to contribute to which, our best en[illegible]
vours shall not be wanting

Mount 14th Jan: 1798

Signed With the Mark

NB, The whole of the Comba[illegible]
agreable to the above but not bein[illegible]
in the Barracks at present I have [illegible]

, or even the at a time after which time
the Men having no Money to buy
Victuals, Liquor, and being a Scandal
on the Corps and punishment on them
were made first among this number
is / Ten Three Names are stated,
but I should request the Boards
Opinion in this Instance whether
from my Appearance to the Men as
stated in my Letter to the Commander
in Chief I am at liberty to name them.
It happened so it is true before the
Muting and the Board will have
occasion to Notice hereafter that the
Examination is attempted to be done
in a Letter to an Officer Commanding
one of the Companys / the former of
which has left the Mens Ballot in the
Company and Not to Mens Survey. Now
Sir Would you be so good, as to Order
the Captains of Companys to pay their
Themselves & furnish their Extortionate
Landlords that Rob a poor Soldier he
would put a Stop to their Villainous
proceedings now carried on in the Bar
Room / Order the Captains of Company
to ask the Men privately what they
owe

a Month or a Time after which time
the Men having no Money to buy
Victuals &c. Cloaths and being a Charge
on the Cash and Provisions on Board
their Men. For among the Number
of Men their Names are Noted
but I should request the Board
Opinion in this Instance whether
from any Assurance to the Men, as
stated in my Letter to the Commander
in Chief I am at Liberty to mention
it hereafter to their Lordships &c
Secretary and the Board will have
Occasion to Apply to Captain Hall the
Circumstances mentioned to be done
on the Letter to an Officer Commanding
a Squadron of Ships) the Forenoon of
which day left the Downs Bound with
Convoys and Merchant Ships. For
his Board you'll be so good as to Give
the Captains of Companies to pay their
Numbers Separate their Estimate
Cloathing that so as soon as the
Ships get a Ship to their Destination
they can send an Order the Captains of Companies
not the Men Immediately what Sum

one

Sale, and therefore will find it to be
fitted for the Sale of Indians are these
3. 2½/
10/ Jars
3£ 3s
To One Rug 2s
Your most Dutyful and Obedient
Servant

My Dear Romancy hope you will mark
the Example of these men that encourag
every bad practice among the Men
for a trifling Sum of gain.—

Sir
I have Heard 15 Men of Capt
Company and 2d of — — say they ha
Leave to get for two Months to com
and that they would not be gone
Capt. Mc. Watt Man they and
you see Sir how things stand amo
you Impower us as you are a Ju
Warrant will not be
Your most Obed
Humble Servant

between 4 & 5 o'clock a Party from the
Prussian Barracks came to take
away the Gun & Tumbril that
stands near the Main Guard-Gate
Farmer on their approach did not
not to touch the Gun on their Peril-
they seemed to pay no Attention
and carried the Gun and Tumbril off
Captain Farmer asked me at the
time if I had seen the Man draw his
Bayonet at him I replied I had not
I was relieved about half an hour
before the Meeting was called The
Gates were regularly Connected as
if there had been no disturbance
in the Cantonment

The Board Adjourn till Mond.
the 29th at 9 o'Clock A.M.

Major General Cox's

Garrison Quarters Thursday the 29th
January 1798

The Board having met agreeable
to adjournment President & Mem.
all present

Major General Gore being called
upon

returned a Party Composed of both the 1st and 2d Battalions & took most of the Men that had remained behind before along with them to the Main Body I had sent a Man the Moment the 2d Battalion broke out to inform Colonel Smith of the Circumstances who hastened towards the Barracks We met one of the Parties on their Road to join the 1st Battalion and endeavored but vain to prevent them.

Lieutenant Farcoorte Wilson of the 1st Battalion being called upon informs the Board as follows

I was Officer of the Main Guard at the Mount on the 15th Instant and at 8 o'Clock I had Liberty to go to Supper as is usual; when absent a Sergeant of the 1st Battalion came and informed me the 1st Battalion had Battalioned under Arms Immediately repaired to my Guard, on my Arrival there I was told by the Sergeant of the Guard that a Party of Men from the

[illegible] Barracks had
their arms ordered the Men on Guard
to ground their Arms telling them
they did not do it by fair means
would make them do it by force
that they had removed the Centries
the Guard from their Posts and
their own Pieces &c. upon
turn out the Guard but the Officers
the Men would not turn out upon
I sent to inform the Captain of
Day Captain Lawrence who came
and ordered the Men to turn
which they refused to do, in a
but afterwards obeyed one
to make an Example. Captain
ordered the Drum to beat
the Regiment to arrive [illegible]
[illegible] I immediately ordered
Guard till about 10 o'clock
at a little distance from us.
after the Guard had taken
the Captain of the day
the Main Guard but no Guns
taken by the Men in consequence
[illegible]

Lieut

part of his Evidence which Relates to the Circumstances that Occurred from 9 Oclock on the Night of the 13th till near Seven on the Morning of the 16th The Evidence given of Transactions during that period by Colonel Smith Lieutenant Charlton & Lieutenant Fowler From near Seven on the Morning of the 16th He informs the Board as follows.

Between 6 and 7 on the Morning of the 16th Instant I received a Message from Lieutenant Fowler to come and receive Arms which, though not through a regular Channel, I thought proper from Circumstances to attend to - I went to the Barracks of the 2nd Battalion where he ever Delivered him. He delivered over orders to me not to allow any Communication with the Men of the 1st Batt. and to prevent the Men of the 2d leaving their Barracks except the Regt Caterer who went for the Mens breakfast Nothing particular happened till about 8 Oclock at which time a Serjeant of the 1st Batt. came and informed me

Had been a disturbance in
Captain Tennent's Company in the
Barrack I was at this time on the
outside of the Barrack Gate about
50 Yards looking towards the 1st Batt
& I had apprehensions of them
coming down to the 2d Battalion
Barracks.
I returned immediately on
receiving this information towards the
Gate but before I could reach it,
about about 100 Men of the 1st Battn
Rushing out in a confused Manner
with their Arms I asked them wh
they were going what they were
and gave them the word of Comm
to halt – on which two or three of the
Rear most Men halted but n
paid no Attention – several of the
exclaimed to me in passing they
Father go to your Battalion
stay behind and others
All the Battalion followed
in a confused manner the Men Com
Officers and a few Men I
30 When came

of the Battalion I as I understood from a Complaint lodged against me by Captain Farmer who was Captain of the Day on the Cantonment I do not know of any Officer being appointed to the duty of Officer of the Day on my Room I returned when put in Arrest to my Quarters and knew not of the Meeting till next Morning

As I had obtained the Liberty of the Cantonment from General Grey through Captain Lieutenant Sir John Sinclair. I went on the Parade next Morning where I observed the Men in a state of Mutiny I did not make any particular Remarks at the time nor can I relate any Occurrences to the Board only that after what the Men wanted had been granted to them by General Grey — Some of them came to me while I was standing with the other Officers and one of them Patty said we understand Mr Crosdale You are in arrest, and we don't like to see an Officer here without his Sword — I made no Reply Lieutenant Charlton who was present told them I would not be the last I must be treated

Mean

[illegible] about 20, or some there
had effect. Some of them said they
would go to Captain Tanner who
[illegible] arrest to get my sword again
Lieutenant Charlton, I think, advised
them strongly against this and offered
if they would give up the Men
accompany them to General Gates
which he did – I came afterwards with
the same party consisting of about
20 or 30 Marching Regularly with
shouldered Arms to me – Lieutenant
Charlton said to me I have the Honor
to inform you, you are Order'd out
Arrest in consequence of a Report
made by the Men to General Gates
that the Men was obliged
for their safety of their Report
of them did they only wished
could be made for me. I was desired
after the Men had Arms
they required to observe their
take the Guns to the [illegible], the
regularly Marched to their Barracks
Quarters.
Lieutenant Grand Company
when by the Board [illegible]

We are only one Company. I suppose if there is Occasion for more, you may depend upon it they will be sent.

As the Men of the Second Battalion were in perfect order I went Close after Captain Tanners Company in the Idea that I might be wanted in another Quarter. I heard Colonel Smith who was near the Main Guard order Captain Tanner to send back his Company immediately.

Some Considerable time after this I saw General Gage walking towards the first Battalion on which I followed & soon after passed between him and the Main and thinking I might eventually be of Service.

I heard his Centries exclaim before the General Reached them turn out, turn out, which they Did drove up in line in front of the Guns they had brought from the Park with fixed Bayonets. —

The General first ordered [illegible] & then said it was the first time he ever saw Guns dragged Artillery Men — I also heard him say putting off his hat Gentlemen you have taken the Command from me but if you return to your Duty I will give you Redress tomorrow — One Man exclaimed that won't do The Gunners asked them Respecting their Grievances one said they had the Grenades stowed in the Barracks another said they were allowed Cloths by Mr. [illegible] and did not want any &c. Upon Lt Colonel Smith & Major Pitcairn Observing Officers Chose them they ought to pay for them & much other Conversation passed which I cannot Charge my Memory with The General after frequent exhortations for them to take the Guns back & return to their Duty — finding them obstinate

told

Matthews that since they were
taken her Owners they might take
away and send away or what
Returned to my Quarters Lieut
Hathaway observed that he has
No Notes and therefore Trusts
Memory but is Confident in the
Substance of what he has Said
being Just

The Board Adjourn till
tomorrow at 10 Clock A M.

General Reg's Year
Country Plain Saturday the 2nd Jan 1
The Board having met
Agreable to Adjournment President
Present

The Board having
Lieut Crosbie who was
Day of the 1st Ballot
Lieutenant Crosbie

The Board as follows
Lieutenant Pe
Swear on oath
the Day of the 15th June
last under Arrest
Officer N. L by Captain
Sir John

. Battalion was given Arms but on what Occasion
could not tell – I immediately put on my side Arms as
the other Gentlemen did also and proceeded to the first
. Battalion Barracks but finding on my Arrival that
the Men had marched towards the 2d. Battalion Barracks
. I went after on my Arrival I found them in a
Confused Crowd making a Noise I asked if they were the
first Battalion and received an Answer of Yes from
Several Men – on that I ordered them to fall in Grand
upon their Files immediately / at the same time drawing
side Arms / which they did – Some Officers had joined me
but being Senior I desired them to take Post – I then
ordered the Men to Shoulder with a View of Marching
them away from the second Battalion Barracks and
was obeyed by all except about 12 – I had an Opportunity
of Observing that the Party Commanded mostly of Foreigners
I went up to one of the disobedient Men that was
near me and ordered him to Shoulder which he did
all the others Immediately Shouldered Arms with the
latter, on my observing this to him and one a Foreigner
who refused, on which I called a Non Commissioned Officer
Standing at some distance to mark the Man by laying hold
of his Collar at the same time and Calling to Lieut. Thomas
that this Man had refused to Shoulder – At this Moment
Five or four Men in the Rear brought their Bayonets to
a Charge and several Voices exclaimed Knock him down
which made me quit the Man – I gave the word of
Command for the Men to March which they did though
in a very irregular Manner towards the first Battalion
. Barracks, when about half way they halted & ordered
their Arms & Cartouch Boxes on their Backs & appeared

Then

them for the irregular manner in which they had behaved, telling them their disgraceful behaviour would be spread over the Coast. Several Voices exclaimed, That what we want. Their Answers from the Language appeared evidently to me to be made by Europeans. I asked them Whether they had any Complaints and if they had why did they not make them in the face of day and not at that dark hour of Midnight. Told them I had never heard of their making any Complaints, they answered that they had for two Days, to which I replied that surely two days was not a Period of such length, as to Justify the Mutiny they had taken. They said it was no time for one that was an Officer and had Money but it was a good Period for them that had None or Words to that effect. I then exhorted them by every Means in my Power to return to their Barracks, but entreated in complying I was pushed away and also Lieut. [illegible] who was with me and exerting himself very much in endeavouring with the Men of the 2d Battalion. I thought it best to go to the Barracks of the second Battalion who I was happy to find perfectly tranquil. I communicated my Pleasure to the Men of the second Battalion on finding them in such a disposition saying I was confident they would by their Conduct recommend themselves and Officers. At that period Captain Tanner Captain of the day sent for the Men from the 2d Battalion Barracks to reinforce at the Main Guard. I ordered Lieut. Powell in Charge of them and Command them to the Main Guard they went off perfectly regular & with much appearance Zeal. I found some of the Men Fell in after leaving the Barracks they declared they

they told him at most: General Gack then [illegible]
the order gave it to Captain Lieutenant Sir John Sinclair
desiring him to go up & read it to the Men — [illegible]
with Captain Lieutenant Sir John Sinclair Lieut-
him Read the Order & Observe to the Men that should be
Payment he not as they Required he had Authority from
General Gack to alter it in the way they might point out
he then called a foreigner from the Ranks to Explain it in
German which he did — The Men were at this time in a
Circle, Capt.s Lieut.s Sir John Sinclair having Retired it
gave the Word of Command to the right about Face &
Barracks breach they broke & but Still remained in
parties about the Guns — I was Standing near a party
of them who addressed themselves to me & desired, what was
the Postponing and the exorbitant Price of Bazar Articles
Several of Commanders have been two days without Victu-
and further Remarked if the Tribute had been taken off
before and every thing Sold as Cheap as at Madras &
difference would have paid the Postponing they were pre-
under for Jackets & Hats — I desired them to draw the
Guns back to the Park that their Grievances were Redress
some said they would not untill they saw what Genuine
Gack had promised was put in execution, of this d[illegible]
them they ought not to doubt — some Cried out we want
more proof of it. Told them Surely the order is sufficient
to me pay as soon as the order is entered in the order
Book you may have the original Copy with General
Gack's Signature, at this they seemed satisfied, however
Still refused taking the Guns back saying that the
Guns were sent for the Mahs to join them — this has Rec.
information of this Marching — and they must by

6.

time how Tracked the Turn - I asked them if was
no such thing and that they were Mrs unfortunate for
I knew of the 11th being at Pondamalee and for last
point and that they ought to be ashamed of Casting such
an Aspersion on that Regiment which Could not be com-
any and with their - It was Ridiculous to suppose the
11th would have any thing to say to their Gunners -
about 10 Minutes after they hoisted one of the Gun
Flags on a Gun and Moved off the Field in
followed with Drums beating and fifes playing
having replaced the Guns on the line - they regularly
fell in front of their Guns three Cheers faced to the right
and marched to the first Battalion Barracks when
they halted in four Minutes, after the second Battalion
marched in regular order towards its own Barracks
the first gave it their Cheers & presented Arms as it
passed Shouldered broke off and went to their
Barracks the second went to their own Barracks
and did the same -

Lieutenant Fowler Concludes with stating that
that he cannot assert whether the hours & the number
mentioned in his Memorandum are Correct & possibly in
the confusion of that he may have given them
different Words, however he is positive of not having
deviated as to facts which if required he is ready to
Attest on Oath -

Lieutenant Hathway being called in
informs the Board as follows -

Lieutenant Hathway

Says at Lieutenant Thomas's quarters
with some other Officers when Sergeant Kenny of
first Battalion 60th and informed me that the 6th

Battalion of Foot to the Second Battalion Barracks
and if possible to prevent the Rest from following Him
encouraged little dear another Squad of about 50 Men
Coming towards us whom we met near the Saw Dock
used every endeavor to stop them but could not, calling
on them to Consider for God's Sake what they were ab-
aind the disgrace they were bringing on their Corps—
perceiving one Among them whom I knew to be a good
Man I said to him that I did not expect such Conduct
at this from so Old and good a Soldier as he was, then
back persuade the Rest to do the same and don't allow
their few bad Men who have already joined to lead
your and your Comrades astray he Replied what can
I do, the other Battn has turned out for the good of
the whole and We must follow the Rest. This Party
also joined and was Received in the same Manner as
the first. —

By this time Colonel Smith had joined us
who went Attended by Lieut. Stone and Myself to the
Barracks of the Second Battalion in which we found
only 30 or 40 Men remaining Chiefly if not all
now Commissioned. —

We met with Colonel Smith and the
Officers of General Pitcairn's Division, whom we found
at Breakfast. Colonel Smith said to the General I am
sorry to inform you the second has at last joined the
first. I have just left the Barracks of the Grenadiers
and did not see more than forty Men. General Pitcairn
replied. I thought it would be the Case — I may be
a fortunate Circumstance as Hundreds of them have now
deserted

likely got among them and will be the means of
bringing the Scoundrels to their Reason. I shall
expect whatever may be due but am sorry for it
and can have no dependence on them after their
having so completely deceived me. —

In a few Minutes after Lieut. Anderson
Gale Commissary came in & told the General that
the Men wanted only two things, the Bayonet as at
Madras, and that they could serve in the Barracks
as in their Cots, as to the Straw huts & Jackal that
appeared not to Care about them, that they had sent
a Man down with him who was waiting at the
Gate to hear what the General would say this Man
being. Shortly after General Gale got up from Table
and said I will speak to the Man, Lieut. Anderson
Gale said stop Sir I will Call him — he Return'd
Some time after said the Opportunity was lost that
the Man was gone, that he had been at the Gate
& had endeavoured to prevail on the Man to return
him but that the Man would not allow him or
other to stay — General Gale said he would go to
the Barracks & speak to them himself & told the
Officers of his Quarters they had as well Come on
where they were. — About this time three Guns
were fired from the Top of the Arsenal and
Pennant was hoisted. —

Some time after General Gale left
and I saw him on the Ground Border of
& treated it as a Mandate of Duty & Sergeant who was
present during them to Know when it was over
exactly what they were about.

Hon Sir telling me that I sent a Sergeant to the Colonel to
inform him of it — Before he returned While I was standing
at the East Angle Lieutenant Grant the Officer sent to
relieve me Came; to whom I delivered my orders Verbatim
as given to me by Colonel Smith and particularly Sheing
the Barrack Yard as his Station after the Sergt went away
leaving Lieut Grant at the East Angle / to my own Lodgings
first on Clean Cloaths and was on my way to Report to
Colonel Smith when I met Lieut Stone who said do
you see those Officers talking to the Men of the 1st Batt
Let us go up to them — We both Went and found Doctor
Bonnell Capt Mac Intire and some Officers whom I
Can't Recollect Speaking to the Men and endeavouring to
persuade them to Return to their Duty but the Men seemed
to treat what was said with the utmost indifference Some
of the Men Remarked to me that Colonel Smith and
Lieutenant Colonel Saxon had always behaved to them
like Fathers, both promised very fair and would if they
could perform but it did not rest with them It depended
on General Gates who Came and did away every thing
I begged of them to Return to their duty that nothing
could be granted to them under Arms. The Men said they were
taking wrong Method to get their Grievances Redress
that they ought to have Stated their Complaints to their
Commanding Officers. They Replied We have been from one
to the other so often till We are tired of it One of the
Men said that he and others had Cloathing due them of
91 and 92 though he had made frequent Applications
and was never able to get it.

I Lieutenant Stone and Sergeant Hayes had the

as

at the time to draw the Guns back to the works up
there their Commanding Officer would Comply with
Wishes as far as they were Reasonable ins. Just at
this several of them laughing said Oh Yes We k...
kind of Ri- and now We have gone that far we
recalled the Guns shall not stir till we see what
we have already asked - past in execution ...
Peaceable Quiet & orderly Deportment.

One Man said We have not done a
thing outrageous yet, I heard others of them s...
the Comisary at the Arsenal go down was an ...
cheating Rascal had false Measures &c. ...
one penny he did not gave them one half ... last ...
ries entitled to. Lieutenant Stone observed to the
you have by breaking your Word with Colonel ...
exonerated him from what he promised last night
however he was sure the Colonel would do ...
his Power if they drew the Guns back and return
their Duty — one of them said if he would go
to Bed &c. as he would not just a hand ... the ...
Cope — Lieutenant Stone whispered me to come ...
breakfast as it was necessary to remain there ... &c.
together from the first Battalion Barracks to
Colonel Smiths house and were walking on ...
when a Sergeant came running in Sayin ...
of the second Battalion had turned out ...
and were going to join the first with ... &c.
in Line and received them with ... &c. ...
was about Eight O'Clock, Receiving at the Cat
ascertain the first Party &c. Turned Town ...

&c.

Willing to obey the orders that were given them that in so doing they maintained the Credit they had always possessed as good Soldiers & Artillery Men.

Colonel Smith Lieutenants Stone Charlton and myself remained in the Barracks all Night. Lieutenant Chevers being indisposed was desired by the Colonel to go home — I walked with Lieut. Charlton at day break towards the first Battalion Barracks We met some of the Men of the Main Guard whom we met, & all was quiet. They assured all was and had been so since two Oclock — that the Men of the first Battalion had regularly relieved the Centries, they had spiked over 2 Guns they had brought from the Park and at the Barracks but had not molested the Main Guard We walked on front of the Barracks of the first Battalion close the Guns they had drawn up — We saw no Centries but the Centries who took no Notice whatever of us We counted Nine Guns and two Tumbrils which they had formed. Lieutenant Charlton and myself then returned to the Barracks of the second Battalion and informed Colonel Smith of what we had seen and heard.

Between the hours of 6 and 7 as I was reading to Lieutenant Colonel Smith said all the Officers but the Officer of the day might go and sleep themselves — Lieut. Charlton remarked to the Colonel I had been up all Night that as my Son of Baby was nearly expired he would of course the Colonels assistance desired for the Officer of the Guard for duty to come immediately and

He then

Relieve me. The Colo. Commands and orders
to Remain in the Barrack Yard till the Offrs
Came and to prevent this Men from going near
first Battalion.

At that time after this I looked out
the Gate Way and perceived a Number of our
Men at the East Angle of the Barrack Ground
told them I had orders from Colonel Smith not to
allow them to leave their Barrack - I told them to
recollect they had been up all night and that it
was the Colonels Wish they should Retire to Rest
They all Said We are not going to Join those Fellows
Surely our Officers dont Suspect us of that. I replied
No My Lads that We dont I can assure you
your Readiness and Attention last Night has
Convinced us. It is not your Intention to Shame
to disgrace your Corps. The Colonels only Motive
giving this Order is to keep you together & not on
Suspicion of your deviating from a line of Conduct
you have so unanimously persevered in. He made a
Most Coherent made a Requisition that I would
permit them to go to the Bazar to purchase Sugar
Coffee &c. for the Mens breakfast According to
them to be Cooked. I permitted them to go to
the Main Guard standing at the East Angle
We are much fatigued & want a Dram - If you
Hon. Colonel to give our Morning Allowance of Arrack
here, not a Dram will reach to those from the Bar-

Remain there and let him know of the Men Continued Loyal
We found them peaceably and Willing to do whatever
We might Order — A Note was sent to inform Colonel Fa
Ken at Generals Pitts House of the State they were in.

About an hour after Lieutenant Charlton came and
told us that they had been Reasoning with the Men of the
first Battalion who Seized now to be Sensible of their impro-
priety and unnatural behaviour or Words to that effect
and would no doubt Return to their duty before Morning —
But the Colonel did not relish the News of the second
Battalion Men were any Sensible of their — Therefore he
might go to the Barracks, ordered the Barracks Lock to
Remain Ready to join the Battalion on the least Alarm.

All the Officers except Lieutenant Charlton and
myself went away — Lieutenant Charlton Desired me to stay
he wanted to Speak to the Men — he then explained to the
different Companies how much the Colonel was pleased with
their Conduct, which Reflected the highest Honor on them and
that he Should never forget it. Having given orders to the
Serjeant Major to Acquaint us if any thing occured
Lieutenant Charlton & myself went to his house where
Being with him in the Verandah a Man of the second
Battalion Came and informed us the Men of the first Batta
were either bringing or Dragged of bringing (I cannot be
positive which was his expression) a Brigade of Guns
with a Resolution to Compel the second Battalion to join
them We immediately Ran towards the Barracks and
Lieutenant Charlton when near the Gate desired the Artille-

Men

Orderly brought the Message / to go to all the Officers of the Battalion and desired them to Come to the Parade of the Joint Regt Lieut Col Charlton did ~~was~~ order the Men to fall in by Companies with their Arms Cartouch Boxes being the Soonest Ready and nearest the Gate Lieutenant Charlton Lieut Nunes Men from it to Hungerford the Gate Guard the Remaining Officers Men Lieut Gillam and Fallon and all being Captains Present except Major Wallace Lieutenant Charlton in fronting double Centries over the Women half a Company on each side of the Gate one Man more detached at the most Assailable parts of the Barracks they were told to keep where they were, till further Orders to Remain Ready & guard that post with good Conduct hitherto We past the Centries in Review they Replied once all Good Men as to us Gentlemen We are Ready to obey any Orders they were all posted I accompanied Lieutenant Gillam to the Gate where we found Colonel Lovett and Lieutenant Fitzmaurice they obey Lieutenant Gillam reported all that he had done and Requested to know if he wished any alteration.

The Colonel Replied no you have done as I could wish he directed Lieut Gillam to desire all but the Centries to fall down as the Colonel Lovett told the Men points of the Year I am much the more pleased with them I Endeavoured to make each lightly to their Point and was what he expected them that knows the pleasure it is to them to Attend

keep their respective Companys together till I returned from the Colonel with further Orders - I found the Colonel at his own house Walking with some other Officers in the Verandah and scarce had delivered my Report When an Artillery Man Came and told us the first Battalion was again under Arms Forcing the Park and Planting the Guns & Tumbrils before the Barracks I was attending Colonel Smith out of his Gate Within he Remarked Lieutenant Forrester Cockburn had dispatched another Messenger to General Gale to inform him all was quiet the Colonel Wished some one would go and meet General Gale and Acquaint him that the first Battalion were again in a State of Mutiny both Lieutenants Charles. & Myself offered our Services - The Colonel said he he had Occasion for us both with himself however upon Recollection he said he would thank me to go - and Mr. Charlton would stay with him - I ran to Captain Barbut's house and had one of his Horses Saddled and Galloped to meet the Lieutenant Colonel before I met the General who was returning to the Encampment in a Palanqueen on which I stopped & informed the General that I was dispatched by Colonel Smith to tell him of the first Battalion having Forced the Park and were Entering the Gate to the Barracks that not a Man of the Second Battalion had joined the first & that Colonel Smith

wished

Would keep the 2d Battalion under Arms or Ready
to be under Arms / I Command Next Night / Ld
General Gibbs Answer — General Gibbs Says very
well, If you will be good enough to Return to Colonel
Smith and tell him I am very much Obliged to him
for the Steps he has already taken and that I Shall
be with him as Soon as possible. — Left Ld
General Dunbar Near Hastings that the Moon of the
first had Refused to allow any Lights to be brought
near them. Inside Guide to General Gibbs Palanquin
also said a Straight Road to be better for him to
extinguish his Lights when he approached the Ground
as there was a probability of their having by this
time a Party with Guns to prevent the People leaving
the Cantonment. After this I made all possible
Haste back to Colonel Smiths House, on my Arrival
there I was informed he was at the 2d Battalion
Barracks, I Rode there, saw Lieutenant Evans
Wrangley and Sergeant Major Clarke Standing at the
East angle, I enquired of them where Colonel Smith
was, they informed me he was in front of the 2d
Battalion Barracks at least that they were the
Second Time Last Called and found him. I proceeded
that to General Gibbs House supposing it the most
likely to find the Colonel & found him there with Gen.
Gibbs (who had just Arrived) and several other Officers
I had been there a few Minutes when Colonel Smith
Desired me and other Officers of the 2d Battalion to
move Forward to go to the Barracks of the Battalion

Drew through the Barracks telling the Men to fall in by Companies with Arms the Sergeants to call the Rolls, no noise to be made, to remain in that detachment not a Man to move without orders from me or some of their Officers, and that whoever did should be immediately confined the Battalion was Reported to me all present but Lieut. Robert Wallace – I Counted the Files of each Company twice and found the Report Correct, after this I went to the Gates, heard Lieutenant Charlton calling to the Men of the first Battalion some of whom who were near the Gates said "He calls for enough" immediately after that I heard Lieutenant Charlton give the Word of Command Shoulder Arms. Left Face, and then near the Gate who were only Men of the party I could see obeyed him the rest of that Corps could scarcely have got Clear of the Barracks when Lieutenant Mathias joined me to whom (as he was my Senior Officer) I Reported what I had done – He went to look at the Men & I remained at the Gates a short time after Captain Farmer (who was Captain of the day) sent his orderly from the Main Guard for his own Company to march without delay as a Reinforcement to him – This I told the orderly it was not in my power to Comply with as an Artillery order existed that, In case of Alarm or disturbance the Men were to fall in by Companies with their Officers and that no Men were to leave the Barracks without orders from the Commanding Officer of the Battalion or Lieutenant

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Lieutenant Hathaway was
the Barracks Yard I reported to him the order
Capt. Lamar had sent Lieutenant Hathaway
decided the Senior Sergeant of the Company to
Reply Told Lieutenant Hathaway I was about
to that Company and asked him if it was to go
without an Officer He replied no I order you
take Charge of it and March it to the main Gu
I immediately made the new Shoulder & mount
them upon returning a few paces of the main
Guard Lieutenant Charlton met me and
was quiet as Colonel Smith had prevailed on
Main of the first Battalion to return to the
that there was no occasion for the Company an
I might take it back to the Barracks I
the Men to the right about and told
File & March Straight to the Barracks a
Walked a long Side of the Company that
have a View of the whole on the Way,
the rear File straggling and ordered them
keep Well Dress up which order they
other I got to the Barracks, Company
and formed them of the same number
Consisting the detachment guards, Proceeded
Duty to go to Colonel Smith and Tyler
Second Battalion all present except one
left the Barracks, Orders to my

perfectly satisfied & should never Mention it.

The Board Adjourn till tomorrow at

10 O'Clock A. M.

Major General Ross Gardens Chairman.

Cairo 26th. January, 1798.-

The Board having met agreeable to Adjournment President and Members all present.

Lieutenant Fowler of the 2d. Battalion being Called before the Board Observes that after the Sentence was pass'd thinking an Occurrence of so uncommon a Nature might hereafter be a Subject of Minute enquiry he made Memorandums of every Circumstance that he could recollect as being Come under his Observation. To these he refers the Board with Permission to Refer for the purpose of Refreshing his Memory. to which the Board Assent. Lieutenant F. informs the Board as follows.

Lieutenant Fowler

On the 15th Instant. I was Regimental Officer of the day, at Sunset Marched the Battalion Steady perfectly quiet and all present. Roderick Wallace after the Battalion was dismissed Called upon Lieutenant Charlton with whom I Stay'd about 20 Minutes then went to my own Quarters & Retired to Rest about 9 O'Clock as near as I can Say. Heard some one knocking at my Door and calling

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out Mr. Hunter Come directly I want to Speak
with you - I got up & opened the Door and found
a the the Sergeant of the day, who told me the
Battalion was under Arms formed and Colours
drawn up in Front of our Barracks the Cause
which I knew not, I dressed myself and desired him
to Come with me into the Barracks in which
requested me not to go, if I Valued my life as
Men of the 1st. Battalion would certainly hunt me
death, I replied as I was running on Come after
It is my duty to run all risques, got to my Battalion
I must and will, At this time I had reached the
Angle of the Barracks the Sergeant seeing the
Corner Window was sufficiently broke to admit me
thinking it a Cowardly Circumstance to run to
found the Shutters Closed and fastened within,
the Window Apparently guarded by [illegible] in
upon my Calling out to the Men in the [illegible]
Assuring them there was no Person besides myself
and the Sergeant of the day, the Men defended the
cowardly opened it and let me in saying I
glad you are Come Sir, We thought it was
of the Rascals belonging to the Irish
Sergeants to go and fasten the Gates &c.
of the Gate Guard, it was my particular
Him not to permit a Soul to go out, and
whatever to admit any one to Come in except

South day was a Mr. Jekk Mate of
war never arrived that it was entirely a
trap to take them on which Letter Gordon
to alarm the 2d Battalion Artillery
the Men giving up their Ball Cartridges
and under the Color of rejoicing they
should have proceeded and disarmed.
The Men have left me but returned to
me about 5 o'clock the same evening
and Sent a Letter of which the following
is a Copy

City 6 o'clock Thursday
Jan 98

Sir I think it my duty to acquaint you
of an attempt to alarm the Artillery
Men to such an Unusual Idea of their
Officers as was had this morning through
such another false & treacherous report.
Quarter Master Sergeant Forsyth
of 2d Battalion Artillery Subscribed on
Company Stables night was sent on the
night for to bring forward a design laid
by our Officers to attack that part pledged
by them to the Men of security for their
Non Subscription and that the Men
were under Arms ready to be conducted to guard
or bring to Subjection the Mutinous
Artillery Men this night, and so Same
Sent their Commission among the Men, this
Subscription is the cause of Mutiny of such
as say be said of the Artillery, and Hope
Justice will and demands the
Attention of every Officer as been
recommended on the part and card of every Man

been [illegible] to his destruction in [illegible]
& the Cause of total Calamity

I am &c

Your most humble
Sent. James Clark

P.S.

I hope Sir as I wrote this in a hurry
you will not be led to believe that it is false as
I have positive proof of it.

To Capt. Tanner

On receiving this letter as he
positive proof I desired him to produce those
Serjeant Lawrefield Charles [illegible]
declare himself as he did & stated, upon which
Hebbard & brought two Men of [illegible]
were not Concerned in the Cabal, nothing
are Anderson & Hopkinson both Gunners
what Charle alledged as having heard
declare &c: On this I marched on Board the
Letter who ordered the Lancaster Master [illegible]
Confined. He further directed me to be active
and to Assure them upon his honor that he
of any Intention of Calling in Armed Force
74th Regt as was stated in the Letter but to [illegible]
every thing must forgotten & directed Countenance to
& Accompany me with [illegible]. I then acted
and made them Acquainted with [illegible]
with Severance [illegible]

Captain Campbell —

Concluded from the Carole Albion

ioned by Major General Grey in Lincoln
on the Morning of the 16th Instant that no
further notice would be taken of what
had happened this Lunar farther es to
from having been informed by Colonel
Smith when I waited to point out
and desired to have Confined the Foreigne
on the 1st Battalion of Artillery who pointed
at one with his Bayonet That no notice
could ever be taken of it as every thing
was to be forgot —

Jalso took proper to Mention to
the Board that a Cantonment order ex-
pired on the 1st Instant directing a
Salute of 21 Guns to be got in readiness
to be fired on the Morning of the
19th being the Majesty Birthday And
two Battalions were ordered out for the
purpose of firing a Feu de Joye There a-
a Regimental order directing that
Men should be deprived of the Bad
Cartridges previous to receiving them
and Parade Morning the 18th when
marched on the Line of Parade Serjeant
to the Rear Rank of any Company who
were in Possession of it and inquired into
the Regimental order was read, to
in execution — He informed me had receiv-
done Ball Cartridge but the Cartridges
had Ball but he had none of that de
scription the Blank Cartridges that he
had received in Breaches & that there on

I found they were accompanied with Lieut Rowe and a strong Party & Corporal Cowley of the 74th were sent to the 2d Battalion Barracks to Confine them still there. I soon thought it my duty to report this Circumstance to Colonel Smith who immediately desired me to General Gage to whom I accordingly went and after reporting the Conversation I had related I returned to my Guard. On my Arrival at the Guard a Party Composed of both the 1st & 2d Battn. March'd up to the Gun at the Main Guard Door their Intention was to take it away and I desired the Guard to draw up in Front of the Gun and Bayonet and not to allow the Gentlemen to take them away for they had no regard for Themselves & were far more Exasperated at us than it was possible to express - to allow such a thing - but they disobeyed my Orders. except a few who were steady & followed me when I went up to the Spokesman of the Grenadiers & desired him to desist from touching the Ropes of the Gun which he and his Men refused to do - on this a Foreigner among the Party of Grenadiers drew his Bayonet & made a Push at me, which I warded with my sword when the Spokesman desired me to desist & saying that I had but few to support me & advised me not to engage them as they were only desirous their Grievances should be redressed & attached to the Gun was the only one we could be supplied from on the

Parade

Guard to demand the keys
to inspect the Guard
carried away as the former
against the Guard, which
to Regimental Agreed for
Guard in Consequence of the
Commanding
Officer Regt Grape soon
Guard from the Fort
fired on the Sergeant
Intelligent man Sent
the cause of the firing
informed me that
Private was on particular
on his Post Regimental
appearance again among
from the Main Guard
a long former round
for near a quarter
sent for by my Regimental
Officer Colonel Smith
and desired to
of my Company for
to them that they
Payment, one Pagoda
for Pagodas
for the Month of January
attend to one Pagoda
them that Provision
General Lieut
Fort place between
Provision
Guard

usual for the Cessation of the day;
as the Rounds seen assembled during
from leaving the Cash to visit their Guns
all on the Expiration of the twenty four
Hours from the Period of the General
retiring till the Morning Reveille
beat.

As soon as day light appeared I
went among the Guard and Centries of
the Mutineers in front of the 2nd Battalion
Barracks & addressed them for their own
sakes & for that of the Corps at large to
withdraw themselves quietly into their
Barracks that if they had any grievance
to state them respectfully to their respective
Commanding officers or to General
Gillespie & not to appear in arms like a
Parcel of Mutinous Rascals. Both Officers
& Men answered that they would go into
their Barracks provided with the Leave
of the Guard but as the Guns to them were
they answered Guns loaded, on my
sending persuasion would not answer
Upon this they soon after beat to Arms
and retreated three Parties one to take
possession of the Top of the Mount on
the Battery at the Main Guard other to
the Bazar. Many about one or the Rooms
of their Lines amongst the 2nd Battalion
on their Shirts & Trowsers going towards
Bazar; as desirous to prevent any Communication
whatever between the Mutineers
and the 2nd Battalion Sent towards them

Mr.

ordered Lieut Hope to Secure the Arms of the Mutineers
House Men for the Keys of all the
Tumbrils on the Line. Leaste a party from the
Mutineers should get the Keys taken them from
them. I got the Keys and kept them by me
The Mutineers took 8 Guns and 2 Tumbrils
from the Line and formed them in front
of the 1st Battalion Barracks placed their
own Centries over the Guns and fell in their
Line with their Arms on the rear of them
at this period the officers began to assemble
I walked backed between them & the
Mutineers Seaward speak particularly &
Recalled at one period leaving Captain
Lieutenant Sir John Sinclair gave the
word to shoulder and then ordered them to
Shoulder and Rest Arms and recommended
them to retire like good Soldiers to their
Barracks. He then faced them & gave the
word of Command Instead of retired they
ordered their Arms and burst out into
a general fit of Laughter —
I then got Supper to send some Lads
from my guard to watch the Motions of
Several parties of Mutineers that had gone
out from their Information I found that
one Party had taken Possession of the
Canal Gorman a second of the Magazine
and a third was Posted near the Leading
avenue to the Mount —
Some time after General Gals arrived the
Men of their own accord fell in and Marched

Between the hours of Seven & Eight Colonel Smith
returned to the Main Guard to rest himself
Early in the night Colonel Smith came out
from among the Boat and called for a light
as my Lantern was near went up with
it when Colonel Smith put a paper in
my hand, directing me to read it which
I did and the paper by him. The
Paper was illuminated with the Moon
on a Bayonet I had. What I made out
from it was the Men wished to have a
Cheap Liquor, no Lashes or Drum Rat
and that their Drums should be drawn
on Parade. Colonel Smith returned
into the Boat again. What happened then
I know not as I remained with my Men
but soon after the Men dispersed to their
Barracks. As my Company had arrived
1st. The Guard being relieving the paper
for Colonel Smith and had drawn
up in the rear of the Guard under the
Command of Lieutenant Sowden per
[illegible] belonging to it & reported to Colonel
Smith after the Boat had departed & that
I had done and he saw the Guard under
Arms which he disapproved of as well
as my having sent for the Company to
be ordered to return to their Barracks as
there was no occasion to disarm my Guard & send
me as the same time to continue a
[illegible] Post [illegible] all night

In Consequence of being Nearer
London all night with the Guard &
Three Small Guards of 4 Men each
from the Main Guard, to Protect
& Protecting Public Money Lodged
my own Quarters & those of the other
Captains in the Battalion &
Order to be absent.

Sent from the Guard to my
Quarters on some private business
Was not absent 10 Minutes – on my return
Sundry Words Pass'd Mr Barbalon on
getting under Arms on Parade of the
Barracks – Ordered my Guard under
Arms and finding Many of the
Men Intoxicated, Swearing &
would not act in an Orderly manner
of the becoming Respect to
to the Gentlemen – as Gun next them
if Prudent to Turn to Rank, Men
the whole by Cautioning any of them
they should Abandon me. Took no
of their Conduct, but Friendly with
Leaving of the Guard to Quarters
to the Rear of the Barracks,
Many of them attacked me
& had been Trained Together
Manner to Be Remembered
case Ground Occasion for

Sent by Lieutenant
Mr Barber Adjutant of
Armagh Militia

had not the Guard under arms at...
there was such Disposition on the Part...
-ment. He as well as the Sergeant of the
Guard who was present observed that
as soon as the 1st Battalion had fall...
a strong Party of them had marched
to the Guard and desired them to deliver
up their Arms which they refused and
headed on coming Obliged to go
into the Guard Room to which the Mutin-
eers had confined them, Having perfor-
med this the Party had also taken
all Centries belonging to the Main Guard
with them from their own Body.

Previous to my arrival the Capt.
over the Main Guard had been withdrawn
but three Centries stood fast over every Pri-
soner in the Guard Room. On Enquiry
of Mr Weldon of the Head Quarters he
said he had not Immediately upon
the Drums beating to Arms and sent
my Evening orderly to inform General
Gillis & Colonel Smith of the event
& upon finding the Door fallen the
Guard Room Serjeant Lieutenant Wilson
to accompany the men & to endeavour to
bring them out but found persuasion had
no effect to that purpose, as they were gro-
ss enraged, seeing one man near the
Door drew my Sword and told him if
he did not go near the Door I shou the way
fall in Sword lead him to death - He

immediately

immediately exclaimed with a general
Voice what can we do against such a
but followed me out I drew my Sword
on the left of the Column that usually
near the main Guard for the purpose
seizing the Morning advantage
My orderly returned at
and informed me that General Wells
Colonel Smith were out of the Action
and I knew that Colonel Gaon was
also so- I did not enquire whether
other officers senior to me were or
Lieutenant or not concluding
dead to Arm If they were in
or not they would assemble. The
information me as Captain
to do what I would on the
Therefore as my Guard
to Cope with them sent my orders to
2d Battalion Barracks for my
which was the strongest on

Previous to their arrival
a Party of the Malcontents
of my Guard Serjeant
Light on the Hope of
were but a small
with undaunted courage- Several
routed & Conquered
Grenadiers on
Battle made the
headed by some of
the Regiment

over it that all the Officers should attend
him on the occasion, but I understood
Colonel Smith and Lieutenant Colonel
Lecon were either with him or had been
sent for and Brigade Major Gale was not
here —

We were understood from a report
among the Officers on the ground that
had five Men ofered to the Officers coming
near them — About this period Three
New Cheers on which I approached the
Men and found the General had acquainted
them with his wishes, and that they were go-
ing to return to their duty as soon as the
General Acquainted them to appear in
order. — The orders were soon sent to this.
Upon doing them they drew back the
Guns to their proper places, formed them-
selves in line of Parade in front of the
Guns after they were placed gave three
Cheers, and then marched in regular
order under the Command of one of their
own Body to the 2d Battalion Barracks
where they again Cheered and that the two
Battalions Cheered one saluting the
other with repeated Cheers and Peal of Drums
as it passed. The 2d Battalion was conducted
to its Barracks by the same Men who
offered to Command the whole before
they divided — We were as far as came con-
ny observation there were no Commissioned
Officers further than mentioned

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the Men during every period of the Bu
On returning from the General a
towards Genl Leeds with Lieutenan
Fraunbois Side we met the Party re
-ning from the Magazine Guard &
to the Regiment of which I am Com

Captain Farmer being ca
-lled upon informs the Board as follows -

Captain Farmer -

On the 5th Instant I was [illegible]
of the day of the Cantonment abou
9 o'clock that night an Artillery m
a Waggon who was a Stranger to
came in haste & informed me
English the 2d Battalion had
Post had marched to quell them
the Mornd at Daylight but was
what Party I could towards the Town
on my way I met Lieut Smet my Brigade
Orderly who informed me that the Men
were then in arms and proceeding
disorderly Manner as the 2d Ba
Barracks was in my way
Guard I took command
was given me by my Colonel at Jaulpo
Lieutenant Fraunbois
Fulton who was Officer of the gu
who is a very young Officer having o
joined a few Months before

was called to arms by the beat of General
Gates's house. Immediately went out &
found that they had formed a Crescent
with the Guns in front of their own Barracks
but they seemed to know nothing in particular
for to day to me they spoke of a report
of People coming into the Cantonment
against them on the occasion of three again
falling in to dispute themselves. They soon
listen to my remonstrances of Colonel Gates
& the Officers that were present. At last
some time they were under Arms under
position Obliged me to return towards
General Gates where I live with an
intention of going to my Bed to rest
I had been confined the whole day -
my arrival there I found General Gates
with several Officers who had just returned
to the Cantonment from Chantilly Plain
discussing the propriety of General Gates
going to the Men at Arms in their present
State of disobedience —

I cannot relate to the Board any
further Circumstances that occurred that
night nor early on the next Morning being
in bed —

The first occurrence that attracted
my attention on the Morning of the 6th
was the firing of three Guns or thereabouts
at Sunrise and went on the General Parade
& saw the Guns were fired from

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Left of the Mount where I saw a [illegible]
Pennant [illegible] Serjeant Stafford had been
Hailed by some of the Mutineers Who
also a Current Report among the Officers
assembled on the Parade that the Gen.
Pennant was meant as a Signal
to some Regiment at Madras or Bombay
At this time General Gills was at the Head
of la Ligne de Bataille on the Beach
Parade I was also informed that
that on the Junction of the two Battalions
General Gills Flag which distinguished
the Head Quarters of the Garrison was
had been cut down however on the
Guns retaking was Hoisted on board
among themselves with Peal of Guns
and three Cheers & that most Guns
were taken from the Line of Canon on
the Pettah Barracks. That they had
taken some Ammunition from the Gun
that were supplied with Ammunition
had placed them on the rear of the
which they had drawn Artillery
to my Servant on the General Alarm
I saw a Party from the Barrack
Guard off towards the Beach
on Intention as I was told to meet
I never went on the Gen.
Parade Genl Gills Battalion
to Fort St George nor to any
Gun from being Taken with the Gen.

Lieutenant Hathway seized the Man by the Collar the Action appeared to my Lord at the same time called on Lieutenant Charlton to assist him to keep this Man out of the Ranks upon which there was a general Cry of Knock him down Knock him down Saw Lieutenants Charlton & Hathway with Sword and afterwards wounded the former received at this Instant a Blow on the Head Lieutenants Charlton & Hathway still Continued Firm and persuade them by fair & reasonable Admonition among the Men they determined To go back to the Parade of the 2d Battalion Although the above Mentioned Two Officers ordered them to their Platoon Duty, it appeared more from their own Inclinations than any Command to their Officers, for they could not be said to march back but to Struggle on an irregular Manner; on their leaving the 2d Battalion Barracks they crowded out, two and two of the 2d Battalion, Turn out Lazy Thieves or words to that effect. some short time after leaving the 2d Battalion Barracks Lieutenant Hathway upbraided them with their irregularity to which some said "pho, pho, on Reflection, and Lieutenant Charlton from the Tone of his Voice exhorted them to better behaviour. To him some of them answered "Mind your Law, you will hurt yourself, at this period they became

Perfectly irregular, and unresolved on
what they were going to do. Many stopt
at Times and called a halt - while others
paid no attention to them, those who gave
the word made remarks on the Irregular
of their actions saying frequently we are
worse than Negars — at length they
reached the Battalion Parade where
Jesse Colonel Smith with some others of
they made a ring round us. Colonel Smith
frequently addressed them and made ...
of persuasion possible to induce
them to return to their duty. I was at this
time called out of the Circle by some one
and requested to pick up a paper that
lay on the ground. I did so and delivered
to Colonel Smith who went to the Main
Guard to peruse it, as the Men wished
for such a light to be brought in to them
in Consequence I was found to be one of
Grievances. He gave his word & honour,
that the Grievances as stated in that
should be redressed and that none
be hurt if they would return to their
Barracks peaceably. In consequence
this they with me went on the ...
Returned to my Quarters a ...
most of the other Officers did ...
had taken off my Boots some ...
after the 1st Battalion came in to me that
Battalion were all on ... quarters
were retaining the Guns from the ...
Parade up to their ...

[illegible] Lieutenant Lyons, but before they
[illegible] that I would take no advantage
of the person who might speak to me, was
to be, that they had to Complain of Pay in
arrear, & Monthly Lieutenant they alleged
to have not received Pay at the Amount for
the present Month of January / of Sixteen
Days Pay of the Provisions in the Bazar.
Time of the Arrival not being Servidant
on the Barrack as was the Custom in
other Corps. After some expostulations on
my part & endeavouring them to go to the
Barrack Yard to prevail on the others
to do the same & to prefer their Complaints
in the Morning to all which they paid
little attention Observed I might not
perfectly understand all they had told me
would inform them that their grievances
to prefer, on that Day I would deliver a
Letter Containing the Arrival on the Cantonment
Ship detached some Men for this
purpose in the Evening and told me they
would go to the 2d Battalion Barrack where
the Quarter of the 1st Battalion were, and of
[illegible] proceed on them to do as I advised
first at the Company Lieutenant Watkins
Lieutenant Lyons, and acting Lieut.t
Fireworker Lennard, Came after me
Lieutenant Watkins & three more to
accompany them to the 2d Battalion Barrack
said so, when formed three in Company and
the above mentioned Officers we found &c.

1st Battalion drawn up in an Irregular
Manner, on the outside and in front
of the 2d Battalion Barracks. They were
very quiet and seemed to be a little alarmed
and consulting each other in Parties.
observed through the Windows of the 2d
Battalion were apprehensive that
about Lieutenant Bathway on coming
up to the Men of the 1st Battalion and
as he they were repeatedly, without
receiving any answer. The men of the 1st
Battalion they belonged to some one
the Lieutenant ordered the 1st Battalion to fall
on this they seemed to hustle about
appeared as if they were confused
why his orders had not been obeyed. Some
thing like a frown they shewed
Lieutenant Bathway then
to shoulder arms. Two or three Men did
he repeated the orders but with no
effect, and believe those few Men
first shouldered came to an order again
perceiving the general disposition of the
Battalion - about this time Lieutenant
Charles joined us. He likewise gave
several orders to the Men but was not
obeyed Lieutenant Bathway again
the word of Command to shoulder
this continued disobedience he stepped
to one or two particular Men and the order to

some regulate the Cats at which all sorts of
Grain to be sold in future, and that the utmost
encouragement should be given to the Parade &
Exercising of the Militia.

In the Course of a short time afterwards
the Men were taken back the Guns to the Park, the
each Battalion were to their own Barracks
and returned to their duty.

Colonel Smith desires to the Board
that he has given in his evidence principally
from Memory the Notes he had the means
of taking were few, & that this being the
Case he took occasion to desire his Aid-de-
Lieutenant Charlton on the Morning
of the 16th Instant to take down Notes of
Occurrences as they were destined on
his Memory and that from the Observations
noted by this Officer he has had the Means
of aiding his recollection.

The Board Adjourn till Tomorrow at
10 o'Clock A.M.

Major General Ross Garrison
Headley Plain the 25th January 1798

The Board having met agreeable to
Adjournment. Present & Members all Present.

Lieutenant Fire Worker Orderly of the 1st
Battalion

Mr Nolan being called upon informs the Board

Lieutenant Fieldworker Pokety

On the evening of monday last, I retired at about a Quarter past nine o'clock I was alarmed at the Gateway. a Drum to arms, being on Fire immediately fearing to drop myself from the Window I opened the door and heard the cry of the 1st Battalion apparently in great alarm came to inform me that the 1st Battalion were under Arms. I took off all clothing to form myself an Actual State of Mercury that I were Ignorant of their Intentions Movements

I went to the Barrack Room Mr Nolan had moved off with his Company I could not see for the Fire The Confinement was Instantly given Prisoners Anyone gave me information to the Main Guard, or what I had taken place at last both the Party of the Prisoners were in possession of the Main Guard I found a Party, made up of Officers Sergeants Corporals, and Privates on Front of the Guard Keeping the Main Guard from them I had taken Position of

I was along time before any other I had to the [illegible]

Colonel Smith being called upon
for his Further Narrative –

I went on a direction towards
General Gills House attended by Lieutenants
Thornton Stone and Fowler Surgeon & the
Parade Sergeants of men having up
more Guns from the Park to the Front of the
1st Battalion Barracks, and on a short time
about 40 or 50 Men were sent towards the 2d
Battalion Barracks, with an Intention to
postpone bringing up the remainder of
the Men of the 2d Battalion who had not
before joined – on my arrival at Major Gen
Gills house I observed to him that I was
sorry to say the Men of the 2d Battalion
had joined at last – The General observed
that before Supper it would be the case as
it was likely there might be some Drunken
Men among them who might have to fight
with the others & bring them down to us
perhaps it would be a fortunate Circumstance
In the course of a little time afterwards
Lieutenant Andrew Gills came in, and
said the Men had declared to him that
they would return to their duty & the
Guns on the Bazar be unspiked – and
that they were allowed to draw their Arms
in the Barracks that they had sent a man
with him to hear what the General would
reply Lieutenant Gills observed they are
now [illegible] about the Barracks
[illegible]

Sure the said Gibbs or other two persons are
gone in them, they will be detained General
Gibbs enquired for the Man that had
Accompanied Lieutenant Gibbs from
the Parade - Lieutenant Gibbs on enquiry
found the Man was gone away and that
the People would not then allow any one
to quit them -

About Noon afterwards 3 Guns were
fired from the Top of the Mount and a
Lieutenant landed on the Flag staff - Between
that time and 2 o'Clock on the Morning Genl
Gibbs [illegible] that he could go after and see
what could be procured desired me and the
other Officers to remain where we were at
Quarters / The General went towards the
Citadel only by Brigade Major Gibbs and
this time we observed a party of men
from it in number about 30, and from the
they took, we suspected they were going
to Possession of the Magazine, which was the
Enemies Object to have been the Case - Soon after
this General Gibbs returned from the
Citadel and said every thing would soon be settled
He sent orders for the Brigade Sergeants
Companys of each Battalion to
assemble, which he ordered the Regimental
Orders which were read to them the
Purport of them, of what was now settled
People wanted We were answered in the
affirmative - The General then went to
Bazar People and gave very strict
Commands that the Soldiers were

Captain Sannas
Lieutenant Brodie

On this I said to them My Lads you need not be alarmed about that Gentleman He will come to no harm, and wishing to prevent them going to the House of Captain Sannas, said If you are determined to make a request of this kind It must be done to the Commanding Officer who alone has the power of listening to it You had better make your requisition through me they replied do with it, on which Lieutenant Brodie in number about 20 marching regularly and Saluted to Major General Gates their request as I have before related it. I was desired by Major General Gates to tell the men that I had authority to release the Gentleman from arrest and accordingly those men accompanied by me went to Lieutenant Brodie and delivered General Gates Message to them Lieutenant Brodie then from Captain Sannas the Party the order of Command Face to the Right Quick March having previously by signs made them understand our request was attended they acted agreeable and prevail on their Comrades to

draw

Drawn back the Guns to the Park they
the rest of the Men in front of the Barra
and soon afterward observed all the
that had been brought up to the Pa
of the Barracks returned to the Park a
which the Men of both Battalions for
in front of the Park gave three Cheers
was returned from the Guard. The Sig
the Moment they then Marched back
1st Battalion Barracks where they
Hundred Paces the 2d Battalion
Marched off to their own Barracks
as they passed the 1st Battalion gave
Cheers to them giving three Cheers for
which period between Ten and Eleven
in Forenoon of the 16th all the Men
were quiet.—

Lieutenant Charlton seems
Blame whatever this sudden detachm
Corps he thought it his duty to com
Inspector as soon as he could after the
was over but circumstances as he com
upon the Occasion he will have to answ
from the Letter he had a note on the Subj
he then stated to the Board that he was
Paraded —

[illegible] on the Barrack Square
to work the Men being provided with Buckets
Mallets and straw Hats as proposed by Commanding Officers of Corps and positively directs
that the Madras Rice alone shall regulate
those of the Articles of Consumption at the
Present [illegible]

The Pay Sergeants were then called by
General Gillespie of whom was asked the Men
mustered on undertaking of from them
to be so returned for the Bazar Indemnum and
given very strict Injunctions that the Madras
Rice should be the rate at which every article
must in future be rated at the Present

General Gillespie then directed Captain Lumley
Sir John Sinclair to go and read the order to
the Men Accompanied that Officer. The Men
all in Shoulder Arms were formed round
by order to hear the order to them in
English and a German was called from the
Ranks to explain it to the Foreigners
Captain Lieutenant Sir John Sinclair
asked them if it was to that they wanted
that he was authorized by the General to
inquire from them that if they wished any
alteration in the Mode of Payment from
that which was described in the order it
would be complied with or words to that
effect He then gave the word of Command
to the Right about face Colours to your
Barracks Quick March having previously told them
that were [illegible] to the Barrack

The Virginia adopted the orders for breaking the
desperate and small Parties, & bring down
take away the Guns some appeared perfectly
willing & called to others to assist them
used force and they must have it was
General Gibson can Testify to it — Harwood
to the words of such expression
can so to the same —

Affairs were in this state some Months
a few Men landing near to where he
observed an Officer without his Sword
Him said he was sorry to see that
deference of his side Arms, or words to
effect that they had agreed to him,
I must see it restored, or they would
to Kew Barracks, & put him to
on, and continued to repeat words to
above effect, adding that there was
better Man in India than he
turn a Feather he any more under
Command, that they would not
till they drove them into the Sea Gentlemen

Mr. Hutchinson in particular was
observation that they should, from
Words of a Captain of the Navy
Mentioned by means was cause
being returned to Kew but him more

Lieutenant Chandler Commander
Questioned by the Board if he knows of any Officers

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began at the Madras Drums that they
had sent a man down with them to know
the General reply - Lieutenant Gale says
I believe they are not so anxious about having
the Peaks of the Jackets and the Straw hats given
up to them if the other two Articles are
given up they will be perfectly satisfied on
repeating a second time some thing to the
same effect General Gale said where is the
Man sent to tell you - Lieutenant Gale went
out but returned without the Man saying
he was gone & that he Lieutenant Gale, was
not worth the Man again, who would not
allow any person to quit them about
this time their Guns were piled from the left
of the Regiments and a white Pennant
was hoisted on the Flag Staff - The happiness
bowl passed on the Morning of the 16th
General Gale said, he would go with you
himself and I done with them, I assure
Blood Smith and the rest of the Officers
remain where they were - He went accompa-
nied only by his Brigade Major Captain
F Gale about One hour we the Officers
that remained at General Gales Quarters
saw a Party of them in number about
Thirty March past and from the direction
they were taking it was Conjectured they were
to take possession of the Magazine which
afterwards understood was the Case - Reveille
for the new Guard had by this time sung
the usual hour, I marched to Parade and
we mustered ten Subalterns [illegible]

The Court of Inquiry accordingly assembled and Captain [illegible] the Captain for the [illegible] Lieutenant [illegible] at 10 o'clock when the Guards should be marched off when Major General [illegible] and a Messenger was sent to know the General Commands and orders respecting it. That done, the Guards were marched off in the usual manner. It may be necessary for me to remark that the Men who mounted Guard were clean dressed as usual and the only exception to order was Corporal [illegible] one of the Tanks calling out "Mount the Guards" which he was reprimanded for by Lieutenant [illegible] Adjutant of General Orders and the matter was taken up [illegible]

Six afternoon Minutes after Six the Guard had marched off the Ground & Troops had Quarters from the Men and the Officers every thing would soon be [illegible] ordered the Day Serjeants of Major Barry to see that the Men they were to [illegible] present when the Garrison Court Martial of Serjeant was formally General Orders Signed after it was [illegible] to them as follows.—

[illegible]

[illegible]

"The Commanding Officer orders that "the 1st and 2d Regiments be commanded by "the Senior Officer [illegible] "to inspect drawn up [illegible]

just and the Officers Lieutenant Lewis
accepted quarters the Barracks Yeoman
home to their Quarters a short time
afterwards Colonel Smith came to
my Quarters saying that General Gage
had received Intelligence that the Rebels
the 2d Battalion should march to their
usual Morning Parade. Notwithstanding
Smith that it had been just customary
to the Men that on account of their
being up all night they had permission
to go to rest and that I believed they were
now asleep. Colonel Smith said if
such was the Case it was not material
a short time afterwards (about half an
hour) Jno Stone a man of the 2d Battn.
came running to my Quarters and cried
Oh Dear Sir the Sergeant Major has
sent me to tell you that our People are all
gone to join the 10th Battalion, frightened at the
Country people, saying they have turned out
against them, for he said on Sir Jno [illegible]
Lord Percies Troops, Marines, Grenadiers Company, and
Light Infantry Men of other Companys, and
they are all gone, all but Lieutenant Adair
Ensign Sandford for the purpose of
arresting my Servant - Surprised myself
as suddenly as I could and went to the
Barracks the Sergeant Major related to me
what I had heard from the Man he
immediately ordered the Non Commissioned Officers
to call some few of the Men who had come
home

Thomas was a very strong forced man
that had not yet joined Colonel South's
Lieutenant Stone & Lieutenant South
were just going out of the Barrack Yard
Saddles when I took them & pro-
ceeded towards the House of Major
General Gale. In crossing the Parade
we saw Sentinels Men bringing up
more Guns from the Park & the Front
the 4th Battalion Barracks. And on
a short time we saw about 40 or 50 Men
March from towards the 2d Battalion
Barracks with an Intention as we
supposed of bringing up the Men
who had not joined, and to take
of the Barrack Master General of
Major General Lieut Colonel Smith
Upon this they brought
Against you to Town the Rebels
Men have joined at last yesterday
Observed He did not before
would be that they had
Men Prisoners to some Moderate
among them, who might have
the others might be soon
Major & Brigade Major
Commanding Officer of Troops

[illegible] Officer of a Regiment came
[illegible] came in and stood
near him talking with the Officer
[illegible] from that all
the Troops to be drawn
and to [illegible]

in / forcing the men I had told them
they were placed here to protect them
from Insult, should their Barrack be
attacked that silence & obedience were
enjoined with necessary, and so far was
even Hooper, that I did not hear a man
that night speaking when the Officers
ordered him during the whole of the
night. Colonel Smith about a Quarter
of an hour after he arrived ordered me
to inform the men that they had, tonight
to rest themselves on their arms or to set
down by their Accoutrements ready to rise
& act accordingly. Colonel Smith Lieut.
Foster Lieutenant Stone were during
remained in the Barrack Yard from
that time until it might be about
1 o'clock on the morning of the 16th.

About Gun fire Lieutenant Foster
and myself mounted our Irish Potatoes
& rode to the North of the 1st Battalion
Barracks, & there the Fate the Men
were on our way we met a man
of the 2d Battalion with some bedding
under his arm - on being questioned he said
he came from the Main Guard, being gone
Relief & Duty the Man informed us
that during the night the Men of the 2d
Battalion had most of them been at their
Barrack Barrack but that the Colonels
and the Guard were still there on the

&c &c

Some Prisoners as they had been
Night before Lieutenant Fowler &
Executed & were in front of the 1st Battn
Barracks of the Brandon and Two
Companies drawn up, we marched along
Front of the Line the Colonel took a
particular notice of us - on our return
We spoke to Serjeant of the Brun of the
Main Guard, who told us that there
had been very quiet since 2 o'Clock
that they were Employed all Night on
Gibbets in the Centre - We return
to Colonel Smith at the R. Barracks
& remain'd & made a report to him
of what we had seen & heard after
remaining there till about 6 o'Clock
Colonel Smith said that the Men
then have done Work, and that they
might return to their Quarters
that the Officers should remain
Care that none of the Men quarter
Barrack Yard & to be ready for
such orders as might be forthcoming
and to send him - on any Occasion
Colonel Smith that Lieut. Brown
Officers of the Day had been
brought & ought to be ready to
an Officer & Picquet there
to order the Officer and to
do. Colonel Smith gave
delivered to Lieut. Fowler the
were told that had done their

Lieut. to the senior Officer present on the
Evening of all the others. The Officers left
the Barrack Accordingly & requested Lieut.
Fowler only to remain for a Moment &c.
I gave some orders. I delivered my orders
to the Sergeant Major as I had been required
to do, & duly charging him to send a person
to call me the Moment any alteration
took place and was Aquired of every Man
of the Battalion being warned to fall in
when required before I quitted the Barracks.
Lieutenant Fowler & myself proceeded to
my Quarter where we had just arrived
when an Artillery Man of the Station
came running on telling me the 1st
Battalion were coming down to our Barracks
with a Brigade of Guns to force the 2d Batt.
to join Sir Edward & to come along with
us & as we were hastening to the 2d Batt.
Barrack I ordered him to run & desire all
the Officers of the 2d Battalion to come to their
Barrack. The Barrack Gate was open
to admit Lieutenant Fowler and myself
& I gave confused orders for every Company
to fall in Double Arms which was kept
with alacrity – Captain Parkes Company
was the first Double Arms & from it I
ordered the Barrack Guard ordering
double Centries on the Post on the outside
of the Barrack Gate within over those
Gateways of which the railing was broke
and directed the Centries double Arms upon

on

out the Barrack to be Barricaded
Ten under of Captain Lindsay Engr
Shorted on two divisions on each side
of the Gateway Captain Graves
Company were on two equal divis
stationed one on the west side of the
way to protect that part of the Barr
and the other on East side to the sa
purpose Captain Thomas Company
stationed on the East, along and Capta
Clarke on the West face and North
with ten Centinels Advanced on the
Some Cotts and on one, to give them
Quarter the Wall on that side to
directed, order to every part of the Ba
to remain perfectly silent and
further orders

At five Minutes only [illegible]
before Colonel Smith arrived
and by Lieutenant Stone Quar
Seamster Hungerford Shorted on
Compartment Steps made
to enfilade the Gateway
Stone and Rubbish on
Second Station and to cover
the whole use of to encourage the
to Stedinest are directed
Sentinels on their Posts
that no Soldier

... your Duty, & [illegible] day every Attendance
to your Complaints - Language much like the
Speech held between General Gub & the
Boor for some time when the latter began to
Repeat what they wanted - 1st. That their
Barrack doors to be drawn on the Barrack
that they should not be obliged to wear white
Jackets and Trou[illegible] that they should receive
their pay the 1st of every Month and that the
prices of Provisions in the Bazar should be re-
duced as at Madras - The General replied
of what Brinjaree was it to them where
their Barrack doors drawn they were a
great Brinjaree that the Brinjaree was a
great Scoundrel or Rascal cannot be found
in Battle Array that they were obliged to pay
a fair and only received a Half Measure
The General asked of what Brinjaree they
were whether Black or Blue Brinjaree
that was an Government Regiment by
Commanding Officer of Corps, then was
he asked to come among you that ever
on the Bayonet Country or in the Field
and you cannot be Ignorant that it is
not Possible for you to have your Pay
sooner than it is sent from the Paymaster
Office and it is now ready on the 1st of
the Month at the Bazar here Suppose
you, if there is any Extortion it is
strictly unknown to me and none will
be done, there is a Brigade [illegible] remarkable
for your regularity [illegible] their Duty &

Mutiny

Madras to learn the Price of Provisions and on his return told me that every Man was as Cheap at the Mount as at Madras on this the Main Road running out on the Banks and as far as I could hear he Longe what General Gun has said The Interview with the Men lasted a few Minutes longer when the General said Gentlemen now You will not draw away your Guns Grenadiers Your Barrack Sticks talk to you no longer Wish you Good night when the General and

In a Conversation among the Officers present to the General Opinion of all are that the Men would take the Guns back the Line in the Course of the night as they were then perfectly Calm, it was thought on Reflection they would return to the Barracks and become regular. Lieutenant Stone Adjutant Hon. Artillery his return towards the Guard when he directed me to go to the Mount Barracks & inform the Officers there that I present there was not any occasion for their remaining in the Barrack Yard but to request to go to my Quarters or any of the Gentlemens Quarters near to the Barracks remain ready to join the Moment I might be required and that I should Order to have the Men ready to turn Out whenever that might be the Case on Arrival Collonel may set to his a

of Speaking to them asked they Conscience
under Arms they had taken the Authority
whom Themselves and that he was no longer
their Commanding Officer – In answer to which
said You Sir are certainly the best Judge
what but they before seemed to be brought
to a sense of reason, by what had been
said to them by Colonel Smith and that I
had heard some of them just before I quitted
them, last I say they expected the General
would come up took the liberty of observing
that I believed it would have much weight
if he would only hear what they had to say
that it might be the Means of their being
again brought to a sense of their duty
even Should the Interference of Strangers
Indeed was much the wish of us all.
General Gage repeated the impropriety
of their Speaking to Men under Arms but
added, if you think it will have a good
effect return to them and acquaint
from me that if they will disperse and
Return peaceably to their Barracks and
tomorrow Morning deputed a Man from
each Com[pany] to come to me – I will listen
attentively to what they State and
redress, should they have real grievances
to Complain of referring him to this
as a proof of my Power. – I replied I was
ready to obey them, but that I sincerely
wished much to see himself and the
rest an Interview might be productive

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of severable cards –

In a few minutes afterwards Gene
Hyde called for his Hat & Sword and acc
by his Officers present proceeded to the
Battalion then in front of their Barrac
& Gen. having been sent on before to tell
them he was coming on General Gale com
up. they had fallen in & ordered to
in front of them Gen. Major General G
drew them as nearly as my memory
serves me in the following effect –

That he had much surprize to see
them return in such a manner that
was a time of Danger he had never met w
in Soldiers men before, he begged of
to tell him what they were about, say
he could not on any account think it
Honour such a step that they had take
the Authority in themselves, & that he
was no longer their Commanding Offic
Many a tear from among the brave ca
out & the Seniority in a tone of regr
were heard exclaimed Colonel Smith
to remain as their Commanding Officer
Several Sergeants spoke for each
the unfortunate affair should be redres
required. You would have seen the
Gallant General & his Major Gener
were addressing Soldiers that for many Y
never to me and nothing can be grea
& you shall be asked in that state to

order — on which he called out for Captain Mowlay's Company to fall on & repeated Artillery men fall in —

Some of them called out Captain Swanks Company fall in & ran various parts they did fall on & in a few seconds most of them had fallen on each others Arms on the rear of the Guns — Captain Lieutenant Scanlan gave the Word of Command to empty our Bayonets but was not heard He then ordered them to Load which they did but on a Confused Manner He gave the word of Command "Artillery men to your Barracks to Quick" — They left us without obeying the latter part of the order again formed themselves into parties on the rear of the Guns —

The Board Adjourn till tomorrow at 10 o'Clock A.M.

Wednesday the 24th January 1798

Lieut. General Pope Garrison Orderly Room

The Board having met agreeable to Adjournment — President and Members all present — Lieutenant Charlton was called upon and sworn to Examination

Whilst time I observed there were Centinels over the Guns The Officers were upon various parts endeavoring to

Prevent

Several on the Man to take the Guns
the time but without effect Several of the
Officers about this time went towards Gens
Gens Quarters and some remained with
the Men among the latter Several
Gentlemen had gone towards General Gates
Quarters those Gentlemen therefore
remained were anxiously looking for
Gates coming to the Barracks in a
Considerable time elapsing about ¾ of an
hour as nearly as I could judge
his Aid hearing observed to Captain
that I should go over to General Gates
Quarters and keep what was going
on Captain Lewis desired I would
I being probable he might have orders
to give me on my Arrival I went
Gates I found him on the
in Conversation with several
Officers He made enquiry
the Men were then doing
made Answer they were on
Duration they had been for some
had nothing behind the Guns
which they had posted Gentlemen
General that I believed they
Coming to Speak to them accordingly
Officers had withdrawn
I did so, and were waiting
in that expectation Gates
Gates replied that he could not

return the Guns – a short time afterwards
Colonel Smith desired me to go to the 2d Batt.
Barracks and tell the People how very
much He was obliged by their Steadiness
and that he hoped they would Continue the
same & be ready to obey orders That for the
present they were to remain on the Barrack
Yard ready to fall in at a Moments warning
on my Arrival at the Barracks I addressed
each Company separately in words nearly
to the following effect

That I had an Command from
Colonel Smith to thank them for their
Steadiness & to hope they would Continue
alert & that their Conduct this day
as well as what had been before prove an honour to them
The several Companies assured me they
would Continue so & that they would be
ready to do whatever was required of them
by their Officers Accordingly to the Men
should the Men of the 1st Battalion come
again to their Barracks, that they were
to remain perfectly silent and to say a
word on any account, That they should
such an Event taking place, be ordered to
fall in on their Arms as before & that by
remaining Steady & attentively waiting
for the orders of their Officers, they would
convince them of their Abhorrence of the
Conduct of the other Battalion, That I had
no reason to doubt but I should and I am

sure

all your Officers have a perfect reliance ...
You, but it is necessary to caution you on
such an occasion to be ready should ...
services be required, should the 1st Battn
march or Move you, or whatever may
may happen in Coming down, You are on
no Account to take the least notice of it.
I again repeat to you exact for the ...
of your Officers, Sword from the 2d Battn
Barracks to Colonel Smith who was
several other Officers was standing on
the right Bank of the 1st Battn Barracks
and reported to him the Circumstances
above related.

Colonel Smith at that time the
Senior of the Men of the 1st Battn to
who seemed perfectly Calm, but that
must keep their Guns till they knew
for sure coming or not. Matters re-
sideration about 11 o'clock several Men
arrived from the Commander in Chief,
Bell, Observing Captain Lieutenant
John Sinclair 1st Acting Adjutant
of the 1st Battalion Dean who ...
Sinclair repeated what Colonel ...
the Intention of Affairs to be. That ...
called out Artillery Men fall in ...
more irregularly assembled on ...
Parties talking to each other in the ...
of the Guns. They then ...

... for Parade tomorrow Morning but
also told there should not [illegible] dispersed &
went away to their Barracks immediately
perfectly satisfied: a very short time
afterwards as Colonel Smith was standing
in the Front of the Main Guard Captain
Lennox came up and said I have orders
from my Company to here of the Gen-
eral Colonel Smith told him there was
not any occasion for them that the
Men of the 2nd Battalion were returned
peaceably to their Barracks & desired
me to order them to return. which order
I delivered to Lieutenant Fowler who
was in charge of them. -

I attended Colonel Smith at his
Quarters and had remained there for
a few Minutes when Lieutenant Fowler
came in & reported to Colonel Smith
that the Men of the 2d Battalion were
all present at the Barracks except a
Private named Mallan, who had been
Reported absent at 8 o'clock that they
were perfectly obedient & firm, & were
so that night. He also added that he had
directed the Sergeants to keep their Company
fallen in ready to obey further orders.
In a very few Minutes a Serjeant of
the 2nd Battalion came to Colonel Smith
& said Sir they are turning out again

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If have brought several Guns from the
Park, & planted before their Barracks
some person has told them that Troops
were sent for & though they mean to
do no harm they will keep the Guns till
tomorrow Morning. Colonel Smith &
Major attended by Lieutenant Sowles &
Ensign Gotherwood that he had sent before
to acquaint General Gage that all was
quiet & that some person must go over
by to report this fresh occurrence Lieu
Sowles and Ensign offered to do who he
he thought proper he accordingly dispatch
Lieutenant Sowles to the Commander
Chief, where General Gage was at
this time the Sergeant Major of the
Battalion came up to Colonel Smith
said Sir, they do not mean to take a
Step with the Guns at the
They had all returned quietly to the
Barracks & Ensign Gotherwood
reported that Troops being sent for & so
of them proceeded to the Park & have
brought off Guns & but they were
would detain still they knew the
The Sergeant Major added that they
perfectly easy & desired the Colon.
Smith to promise to them untill the
report of Troops being sent for
thread that he desired say to him
found that was not the case they

too late, they must proceed to the Park. They had by this time approached the Main Guard. on perceiving that Issued out several in arranging them in their Barracks, I ran to Colonel Smiths Quarters & informed them comeing down their Regiment was coming, as afraid for the Consequences may be severe they are gone to the Park. Then attended Colonel Smith and observed them drawn up before the Main Guard. Colonel Smith said let us go immediately to the 2d Battn on which I informed him they were under Arms in their own Barrack Yard with the Officer of the Day Lieutenant Fowler who could award his orders perhaps it might be better that he should go there Next to them Meaning the Men of the 4th Battalion under Arms. When Colonel Smith approached one of them they opened their Ranks and received him, & kept from their Rear to their Front. He was at this time joined by Lieutenants Porter & Pepel and active Lieut Fitzmaurice Command the Men formed a Ring round him & Colonel Smith Addressed them saying "For God sake Men Consider the Matter, "Consider the Meaning of this, what Complaint "have you to state & added that he Came out "much to see them on so disorderly a State "He entreated them to return peaceably.

Then

their Barracks and said if they would depute
any Man to write down their Complaints
he would peruse the paper. They replied
Lieutenant Corkery has got a paper
containing our Complaints [redacted] he
desired to read it and called for a light for that
purpose. They exclaimed with a general cry
no light, no light. They allowed the Colonel
to happen of the King attended by Lieutenant
Corkery to the Main Guard, to read the paper.
The Colonel returned & said that if that was
all they wanted, [redacted] must be committed
they had not stated their Complaints in a
regular manner; they replied we have
stated our Complaints again & again &
can get no redress. The Colonel said if they
would return peaceably to their Barracks
he would state their Complaints and do
all in his power to have them redressed
but they were not satisfied with this
stated after repeated efforts to prevail
on them to comply the Colonel said - that
on condition of their immediately returning
to their Barracks, he would give them his
honor that their requests as contained in
the paper would be had no doubt be
complied with or words to that effect.
but that they must instantly return
to their Barracks they then said, he must
shall be taken notice of. The Colonel
ordered them home should they refuse

2d Battalion Barrack making use of the following words, Surely Men you are not come here to Murder your Comrades nor can you possibly expect them to go with you on whatever Complaints you may have to know out. but I am very sure they have not any. After requested of them to acquaint me what grievances they had to induce them to adopt such unbecoming measures & begged of them to return peaceably to their Barracks & lodge their arms, that I would accompany them & hear their Complaints for the purpose of being stated to their Commanding Officer; about this time I heard some men cry out of the 2d Battalion Barracks, some of the Men under Arms called they are turning out on which I called aloud Men of the 2d Battalion not a Man of you quit your Barrack Yard, on any account unless ordered so to do. My Lascar orderly having been sent by me to Lieutenant Fowlers Quarter the Regimental Officer of the Day returned about the time telling me that Officer was already in the Barrack Yard. When I felt easy on respect to the Men of the 2d Battalion Command that Lieutenant Fowler would take every proper step to keep them obedient; Therefore continued to remonstrate with the Men of the 1st Battalion & strenuously impressed them

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them to return to their Barracks in which they replied by saying "We talks fair let us go with them" I availed myself of this expression by saying Men take the word of Command from me to shoulder Arms the left they did so some more willingly than others - but in a short time the whole moved off towards their own Barracks told them on the way there, how sincerely I wish them to return immediately to their Barracks when some one said we have gone too far in, for now too late to which I replied though you may have gone great Lengths, I am sure you to return & forgive your Arms they will put myself in your power & go with you to you till your grievances are stated. only desist from continuing this mutinous like situation, to which they replied they did not wish any such thing, frequently said they must have them, as on the 24th every Month & that they would not have any white Jackets, or Straw Hats & that their Barrack must be done in the Barracks & that they should be like other Troops for India, & that they would not march Without their Officers which I told them as well as any Troops in India, and that I was happy to see the about to return to their Barracks this I made again for Answer that I was

as with Colonel Smith's evidence –

Major General Gass here withdrew.

Lieutenant Charlton Adjutant to the 2d Battalion 5th Battalion of Artillery was called upon informs the Board as follows

Lieutenant Charlton.

On the evening of the 5th Instant about Quarter Past Eight I heard a Drum beat at a distance, or listening attentively a few seconds I heard distinctly the Beat to Arms, That Moment a Malabar Servant of mine came into the Room & said get ready for the first Battalion are turning out under Arms on this I instantly called for my Cloaths and desired the Servant to run immediately to Colonel Smith's Regiment from that I was going to the Barracks of the 2d Battalion under Arms and wait for his Orders. Having dressed myself I ran out accompanied by Lascar orderly towards the 2d Battalion Barracks. as soon as I came to the South west angle of the Barracks I called out non commissioned officers fall in your Companies, proceeded hastily towards the Gate – observed a number of Men Armed were drawn up near their tents to the Barrack not above a Yard or two from the wall on the East side of the Gate at that Moment I heard a voice which I attentively knew to be Lieutenant Rickman's

call

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Call out why dont you shoulder your arms
me come up he said. Mr Charlton the
fellow that wont shoulder, take notice of the
fellow or words to that effect. Soon after
the person he pointed out was observing to
Lieutenant Hathway being on guard, that
the Boys might have avoided there [illegible]
one word that was. The men of the 2d.
Battalion, and good day to you then
where is the Scoundrel that wont shoulder
taking the Man he pointed at by the collar
I received at that Instant a smart blow
on the Head from the same Man, which
Burst of his Fusee which stunned me
a good deal I staggered back a few Yards
but recovering myself came up to the
Man again & heard several persons
distinctly call out Kill him Kill him
Immediately desperation took place in Man,
the Action. when the Person from whom
I received the Blow replied some thing
Dutch or German which I did not
Comprehend. I now clearly saw that the
Men under Arms were of the 2d Battalion
Gordon number less than 200. Upon
expostulate with them on the Impropriety
of their being on such a Situation Gave
them to go away; & return to their
Barracks expressing One wonder what
could be the Cause of their coming to the

Barracks

to finish his Evidence tomorrow -

A having appeared while Colonel Smith was giving in his Evidence, that his Evidence of Major General Gates who attended in a seperate room could not be conveniently taken down this Day - He was accordingly informed of the same by the President that he might not be detained any longer on the Place -

Major General Gates in reply to this request that when he should give in his evidence Captain Farmer and Lieutenant Grondale might be allowed to be present supporting the reasonableness of this request, by observing that on respect to such a variety of circumstances, his own evidence and that of each of the above Officers if taken seperately, might differ on some particulars, through unintentionable omissions, which other, and that to prevent this it was his wish that his request as above stated should be complied with - That the Eyes of the Board could not be sworn - the truth, and his request be in consequence of Assented to, would only tend to that effect and order that it was his wish that all the Officers should be present when he gave his evidence -

Major General Gates was then told by the

the Board that although they consider the Proceedings as an open Board they have set it down as a principle to which they mean to adhere that none of those Individuals who be called on should be permitted to be present at the Board while any Person is under examination, so that the Board could not yield to his request. The General then expressed a wish that the Board would receive a paper from him on the Subject of his request. The Board acquainted him that it was not their intention to receive any Papers but that they would be happy to receive any information from him touching the Subject of their investigation, so soon as they could conveniently call on him which the General observed that as he was not permitted to read the Paper if he had in his hand it would be necessary for him to go to the Commander in Chief as the General Gates was, Judge that upon the post Fellows concerned in this unfortunate affair should happen, and as he was open in all his proceedings he wished to have no secrets.

The Board then remarked that as Colonel Smith was under examination that entering into any discussion upon Major General Gates on the point in question, would be interrupting the business and that they could not see the

have no Objection but thought it best to have
it left the Men take their rest as they had
done during the night. I that had
previously directed the Sentinels to
permit them to take of their Clothes and
lay down but as the General made me a
present again to the Barracks, and his
object in enquiring after the Men a sleep or
laying down. This induced me to return
to Acquaint General Gells, of the Circum-
stance, & met him on horseback about
distance from the Barracks of the 2d Batt.
and had some Conversation with him the
particulars of which I do not recollect
more than that I reported my Men
being mostly asleep, except some Pick
Catchers, that were then passing Town
in Bazar & I was desired to make haste
back to the Barracks. & that the General
observed as he had spoke to the Sellows
presenting to the 1st Battalion Barracks can
had or could give them till 8 o'clock to
consider.

About 7 o'clock I proceeded to my own
Quarters having previously directed the
the Officer of the day to remain on the
Barracks and to prevent any men leaving
them & to keep the Boys ready to turn out
I ordered Lieutenant Fox to be to be relieved

by

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by Lieutenant Grant as Officer of the [illegible]
as the former had no [illegible] during the Night

I had remained at my own Quarters about
an hour when a Report was made to me
that the 2d Battalion was forming the 1st Drum
a head at Speed towards the Main Guard
immediately I went to prevent such event If the
Report was true but to my utter astonishment
I saw the rear of the 2d Battalion with
their Drum on the left of forming the 1st Batt
and I was not from the distance reach
them to endeavour to prevent it before they
had effected their purpose. - Another part
from the 2d Battalion was following to
them where I endeavoured to halt by calling
them they paid no attention but by
turning their face from me and so [illegible]
what I had to say, I could from the 1st & 2d
Immediately went with as much [illegible]
as I could to the 2d Battalion Barrack
where I saw after I had commenced
Private Standing at the Door en-
-quires that there were Men in the
Barracks & that I should be able to [illegible]
them to their Duty but was disappoin-
-ted when I found were all that I saw
remaining of the Battalion

Lt Colonel Smith as much [illegible]
the Board [illegible] from [illegible]

meant to hear the reason I sent an Officer at that period to enquire down on the Mole of the 2d Battalion who returned and reported that they were all quiet

About this time I heard of a Major General Gillo having arrived in the Garrison - ment I went down to his Quarters, and reported to him the substance of the Circumstances now related to the Board and delivered to him the paper that I have mentioned being just into my hand when the Men were in a Circle near the Main Guard

To the best of my recollection when I made this Report to General Gillo there were one hundred & fifty Men or more with the Guns in front of the Barracks of the 1st Battalion. I mentioned to General Gillo that I thought his addressing the Men in person might be productive of the best Effects but he appeared to be of a different Opinion at that period. He however some time afterwards went to the parade and spoke to the Men I was not near enough to hear distinctly what the General said to them but the Men seemed to continue in the same Mind neither taking back their Guns or returning to their Barracks

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On observing General Gale move off towards
his House I quitted the Front of the 1st
Battalion Barracks and went to my own
Quarters where I had only remained a
few Minutes when a Man of the name
of Leary of the 2d Battalion was sent by
Lieutenant Charlton (who was with the
Men from the Barracks to request him to
attend as a Report had been circulated among
them by whom it was not known) that
the 1st Battalion intended to come down
to the Barracks of the 2d Battalion with
a Brigade of Guns to compel them to
although I did not give Credit to the
Report I thought proper to go to the
Barracks of the 2d Battalion as early
as I could accompanied by
Lieut. Charlton Fowler & Kingsley & four
the Men all quiet & regular & dressed
in different Quarters of the Barracks
had been previously directed. &c &c.
remained in the Barracks till about
o'clock without anything extraordinary
occurring. I went about ½ past 2 P.M.
General Gale & reported to him the 2d Battn
were then quiet as they had been all day
The General expressed a wish I should
order them out to Morning Parade
with or without Arms. I left him &

P.T.O.

Guard to send a Message immediately to
Acquaint the General that the Men had
returned quietly to their Barracks. That I
had remained at my Quarters above
10 Minutes when Serjeant Simmons of
the 1st Battalion came running in great
haste to inform me that some Person
had entered the Town and told the Men
that Troops were coming against
them although I had before assured
them there were none & that the 1st
Battalion had in consequence again
turned out and gone to the Parade with
Guns in spite of all the exertions the
Non Commissioned could use and that
they appeared more violent than ever
I immediately sent an Officer to the
2d Battalion to observe in what state
they were who returned with a report
from the Officer of the day that the Men
of the Battalion were all quiet and
that some of the Officers were on the Barrack
with the Men in consequence of the order
I had given.—

I then proceeded to the Front of the
1st Battalion Barracks, where I found
a great number of Men in a disorderly
manner thronging with Guns from the

Line

line of Parade / where the Guns for Exercise
usually stand / and placing them on
front of their Barracks - I called out in
as loud a Voice as I could for the Men to
return to their Barracks - no attention
was paid - Indeed from the Noise it
was almost impossible they could hear
me - I waited a short time till they had
placed the Guns before I addressed them
again - I then recapitulated to them
what had passed between us before telling
them the Steps they had taken after the
former promises Made them more sure
than ever, having cancelled by their
Conduct my former promises, & ordered
them to take the Guns back to their
& return immediately to their own
Barracks - On which they exclaimed
that Troops were sent for against
I upbraided them for doubting the
Assurance I had before given them of
having sent for none, and repeated the
same Assurance that I knew of none coming
They exclaimed they did not doubt my
Assurance but that they would not take
the Guns to the line before Morning - to the
best of my recollection they added that

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their Arrack should be served on the Barracks and that their pay should be given to them on the 1st of the Month Like other Soldiers of the same as the Kings.

The Complaints stated appeared to me of such a Nature that I immediately returned to the Center of the Circle and told them that of all their Complaints were contained in that paper. I had a Resolution in assuring them that provided they would instantly return to their Barracks I would represent them fully to their Commanding Officer, who I had no doubt would pay them every attention. I was answered by a general Clamour of that I must do. I then asked them with some Warmth if they doubted my word. A general Answer of no, by no Means was repeated several times. To the best of my recollection they then asked me I would pledge my own word for their grievances being redressed. I told them that provided they would instantly return to their Barracks I would pledge my word that their Grievances should be enquired into & I had no doubt they would be redressed

Barrack Yard they exclaimed "no punishment
in the Morning" told them more after-
wards "Peace, Peace" a general cheer and
"come let us go" and they returned peaceably
to their Barracks. Several towards the
Main Guard where I found Captain Lam-
the Captain of the day who informed me
that he had sent to the 2d Battalion Barracks
and ordered up their own Company who
were then at the end of the Town there
from. I directed him to send the Company
immediately back to their Barracks as
there was no occasion for them the men
of the 1st Battalion having returned
peaceably to theirs.

I gave Captain Lamb
instructions as I judged necessary
particularly desiring him to remain
with the Main Guard and returned
accompanied by Lieutenant [illegible]
and some other Officers to my Quarters.
I understanding previous to this that
Lieutenant Conkey had given
information to Major Gen[illegible] who was on
Horseback Main of which had Reports
reached him when near the Main

Guard.

That he desired them strongly to return to their Barracks immediately and no longer expose themselves by such Conduct, as if they had any grievances he had no doubt they would be redressed if they took the regular mode of representing them.—

That he was happy on observing what he had now operated so much on them that they began to move towards their own Barracks & that he accompanied them pledging himself their grievances should be redressed.

That when they had proceeded as far as the Main Deal Opposite the Gun shed. He heard several of them exclaim that they would not go to their Barracks, but to the Park. From this he endeavored to dissuade them but not succeeding, had hastened to make his Report to me adding he observed they were then some place near the 1st Battalions Barracks.—

Soon I attended by Lieutenant Charlton towards the Main Guard. where I found a great Number of Men under Arms in a very irregular State, on hearing my name Mentioned they formed a Circle round me. Five or three other Officers particularly Lieutenant Foreworker Cooke, that had joined me, calling out as Sappers are Here is Colonel Smith Let him on Let him

on

... I addressed them expressing my astonish-
ment at their Conduct, & asking them
what justice could induce them to behave
in a Manner so disgraceful to themselves an
them & ordered them to return to their
Barracks immediately - on which a
number of them exclaimed in a boisterous
manner they would not go to their Barracks
asked what their grievances were desiring
they could Redress them - A paper was at the
Moment put into my hand by a Person
who from the darkness of the night could
not be distinguished, Several voices at the
same instant exclaimed that paper
contains our grievances. Immediately
called for a light that I might read
paper, there was a general exclamation
of no light, no light, I said I would go
to the Main Guard where I saw a lig
and on my proceeding they opened a
way for me to pass I went to the Ma
Guard, where I had the paper read
They hesitated not long about me
from the contents to the Rebels. I say
recollection (the paper having been
given by me to Major General Gr
that they wanted a free Bazar

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Arrived at Ryds Gardens Shrubby Near Tuesday
23d January 1796.

The Board Met agreable to Adjournment
President and Members all Present.

Colonel Smith being called in from
informs the Board as follows.-

Colonel Smith.

The first Intimation I received on the
subject of the Mutiny, at the Barrack was
from a Servant of Lieutenant and Adjutant
Charltons who came to me about 3 o'Clock
on the night of the 15th Instant, and told
me that his Master had sent him to
inform me the 1st Battalion was under Arms
and that Drums had beat to Arms and that
Lieutenant Charlton had gone on immediately
to the Barracks of the 2d Battalion of which
he is Adjutant. I dressed myself as soon
as possible and as I was running down
Stairs from my Room. Lieut Lieutenant
Charlton coming in haste towards the
Room of the Stairs who on approaching
Heard me that the 2d Battalion were
perfectly quiet and obedient on their Barrack
and that he had ordered Lieutenant Fowler
who was Battalion Officer of the Day, to get
the Men on under Arms on the Barrack Yard
and to wait for further orders Lieutenant

Charlton

Sparlton also informed me that as soon
as he reached the Barracks of the 2d
Battalion a Party of about 200 Men came
up with their Arms formed on each side of the
Barrack Gate with their backs towards the
Wall that he went up to them before the
knew which Battalion they belonged to
& asked them what in the name of God was
the Cause of their Appearing in such a
manner he gain them the most positive
assurance & some only Accused him
that such a Man towards the Night
before he observed did not attend to his Duty
on which he received a Blow on the Head
from the Butt of a Firelock that caused him
to Stagger some yards back at the
Moment he recovered himself he could
distinguish several voices calling that
of the 2d Battalion were turning out &
he had immediately called out as loud as
for more Men of the 2d Battalion to
turn out Orders having at this time
for that the Men drawn up, were
from the 1st Battalion that he then
expostulated with their Party on the
impropriety of their Coming to
a Manoeuvre telling them it was
but come with the Intention of
their Fellow Soldiers to
their Barracks

At a Board of Officers Assembled at Major Genl. [illegible]
Garrison Charlotte Town 22d January 1795

Present

Major General Patrick Ross Presd.
Lieutenant Colonels
James Robertson
Alexander Campbell
John Richardson & } Members
Barry Vose
Captain John Malcolm Secretary

The Board read a Letter from
the Secretary of Government. Requiring
An Extract from the Commanders
Narrative of the Mutiny at the
Copies of three Letters from Major
to the Commander in Chief on the
the Mutiny and a Copy of
by Major General Ross.

Resolved to Accord
require the attendance
Lieut. Col. Smith
Commandant of
of the 85th Regt.

Letter Accordingly
Sent by the Secretary

The Board adjourn

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Proceedings
of the
Board of Officers
appointed
By Government
on the 19 January 1798
to enquire in to the late Mutiny on the 15 & 16 Jan.y 1798
at the Mount
reported
in a report from the Board of Officers
Dated 10 February
and
ente[illegible] in Consultation 16 February 1798

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we earnestly take the liberty to recommend that every Indulgence be afforded to the Claimmants by ordering a Court Martial, or Court of Enquiry if necessary for the purpose of ascertaining and enabling them to recover their rights

Lieut Colonel Malcolm having delivered in a Minute, which will be found inserted at length in our Proceedings of this Day, submitting to consideration the expediency of a new Arrangement of Officers Servants, now at the Army; and of a different distribution of half Batta, — reverted to our ordering onto that Minute description which the former Officers Subjects, seems to require we conceive that a Statement of the actual Amount of the Stoppages for Clothing, will be essentially necessary; we therefore beg leave to request that your Honble Board will be pleased to issue Orders to the different Agents for Clothing the European & Lascar Corps, to furnish us with their accounts under that head for the three last Years

After having maturely considered Lieut Colonel Malcolm's second Proposal, relative to a new distribution of half Batta, and conceiving our selves authorized by the 7th Article of our Instructions to offer our opinion to Government on any measure likely to promote the interest of the Honble Company and the good of the service — We beg leave to recommend as the most eligible Mode of making an equable distribution of the Allowance that the whole of the Sum now paid under the head of half Batta be formed into an Aggregate fund, and then be subdivided into Quarter Batta as a general Allowance to the whole Army — The Honble Company would not, we humbly conceive, be subjected in this account to any extraordinary expence, and by this general modification of the present allowance the greater part of the Army would be an equal measure relieved from their present distresses. But as this is proposed to constitute a part of the actual subsistence and can only be considered as an extra Allowance — We beg leave to recommend, should Government approve of this distribution that it shall cease at all Stations or Times, where full Batta is allowed, in the same manner as has hitherto been regulated with respect to the Allowance of half Batta

We cannot conclude this subject without remarking, that we have a strong additional encouragement to suggest this Arrangement from the prospect of reducing this Allowance to a determinate expence,

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which is at present fluctuating and dependant on the Cities of the Troops and such remarks as the exigency of the service may require

We have the honor to be
Honble Sir & Sirs
with perfect respect
Your most obedient
humble Servants

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28th October 1786

signed
James Casper
Patrick Ross
James Cockburn
Henry Malcolm
Jn Campbell
Jno Sydserfan

A true Copy
John Stuart Secy

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to draw half Batta nearly one Month in every Year without any additional Expence to the Company — and even should the Distribution of the Issue of half Batta be meant less beneficial than what is here supposed All the Arrangements would be just as well established an equality of Monthly allowances the only distinction or cause of Complaint that can then remain will arise from the different prices of Provisions and other Articles of Life at different Stations but at present the distinction and cause of Complaint to vary your Board may be assured that Many Articles of Life are sold at Madras & other places at many half Batta at a much dearer rate than at the Havana where half Batta is paid —

After all on a supposition that the allowance of half Batta shall be allotted as above proposed still it will appear I think that the Expences in which an Officer is liable to incur at the Presidency are much greater than at any other Station even were the most frugal Economy attended to On this account therefore it may be thought good to give the Troops stationed at Madras some degree of preference on any Arrangements ordered — I conclude by expressing with the hope that this Board will consider the present distribution of half Batta and its consequences to the Service as a matter very necessary to be stated to the Honble the Governor in Council whose Opinion of what may be most conducive to public benefit on this subject —

Signed Henry Malcolm

The Question being put — whether any alteration in the present Arrangements of Officers Leaves be required Agreed in the Affirmative.

Agreed to apply to Government to order the different Agents to forward as with the Accounts of the Amount of the Stoppages for Clothing during the three last years — and to postpone the further consideration of the subject till their Accounts are received

The Question being put whether any alteration in the present distribution of half Batta be necessary Agreed in the Affirmative.

After maturely considering the proposal made by Col Malcolm for altering the present mode of distributing the half Batta, deeming ourselves authorized by the 7th Article of your Instructions to offer our opinions to Government on any measure most likely to promote the Interest of the Honble Company, and the good of the Service, Agreed, that the most eligible mode of ensuring an equal Distribution of this allowance would be to make an aggregate fund of the whole Sum now paid under the head of half Batta and to substitute in lieu quarter Batta to be paid to the whole

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Army, by which means are kindly conceive, the Honble Company would not be subject to any extraordinary expence, and by this general Modification of the present allowance, the former part of the Army would be relieved from their present distress But as this must be considered as an extra Allowance, and by no means a part of the actual Subsistance, we by Board recommend, should Government approve of this distribution that it should not be paid at Stations or times, where full Batta is allowed Any strong inducement also with the Board for suggesting this Plan is the reducing this Allowance to a certainty which is at present fluctuating and dependant on the Motions of the Troops, and their removals which the exigency of the Service may require

Agreed to address the following Letter on the foregoing subject to the Honble the Governor in Council —

To the Honble Major General Sir Archibald Campbell
K B &c &c &c Governor in Council

Honble Sir & Sirs,

We have been honored with two Letters from Mr Sec[t] Chamier of the 25th & 28th inst the instructions contained in the former of them relative to the Allowances prescribed for the Barrack Masters Department shall be punctually attended to —

Captain Lt Godfrey's application is not as explicit as we could have wished with regard to the authority under which he worketh establish his claim, or his own situation in the 9th Batt[n] at the period he alludes to we have therefore directed our Secretary to request from him a further information for our final decision on this subject —

The Claim of Adjutant Jones for Stoppages due to the 10th Battalion of Sepoys appearing to be exactly similar to a former application from Capt[n] Crocker, on which this Board reported their opinion in the 9th Sept[r] in the G O by Government of the 13th ulto confirming that decision having established the precise line to be observed in receiving such Arrears we see no material obstacle to prevent the claims of the 10th Battalion from being adjusted in the manner therein prescribed

Conceiving that the Prize Money claimed by Adjutant Jones was due to the 10th Batt[n] becomes now altogether a private concern and presuming that Government will not wish to cause any unnecessary trouble

we

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4th That the Commanding Officers of Regiments and Battalions respectively shall cloath their own Men.—

Before this Board goes further into the consideration of this Subject, it is proper for me to mention, that the Officers reckoning found for the European Corps of Artillery and Infantry, being managed by a Board under the inspection of a Committee appointed annually at the Presidency, and consisting of Officers from both Corps, that therefore no alteration of System has been adopted without at least a representative Suffrage—On this point I beg leave to say, that if the plan hitherto pursued shall appear to have been inadequate, and not to establish the rewards of the Service on just grounds, and that the whole of the Officers of the Establishment—and more particularly the Field Officers appointed to the Native Troops in Brigade, are unavoidably interested in whatever arrangement may take place, that in such case it may be found to be the duty of this Board by the 7th Article of the Instructions given by the Honble the Governor in Council, to go into the Subject with attention & accuracy, as a matter which when duly established must operate for the good of Service.—

I see the subject open to consideration in this point of view and therefore beg leave to propose it's being discussed at this Board, for the information of the Honble the Governor in Council, as the only power that can decide in a matter of this kind, on what is equitable to all the parties concerned.

In regard to the 2d subject which I have begged to propose to the consideration of this Board—Viz.t The Stations to which half Batta ought to be paid agreeably to the intention of the Honble Company in making this allowance to their Officers—I have to state that I have been principally induced, at this period, to submit it for discussion on account of the representations I receive almost daily from Officers who are necessarily appointed in the course of the Service to Corps stationed at the Presidency, and from those who never have a chance of being called to do duty at Madras.—

The Presidency is the only station on the Coast which is represented to the subject Officers of the Army to any degree of inconvenience or distress, although some Stations, such as the Circar and Southern Garrisons, where half Batta is paid, are preferred to others not having this allowance.—

This Subject is so thoroughly known to every Member of this Board, that it becomes unnecessary, in this place, to treat it more

largely

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Largely. It may however be proper for me to observe, that from the Station I hold the distresses of particulars during duty at the Presidency are more immediately made known to me— A Sailor is frequently represented and is but too frequently the ultimate sale of Officers who have been stationed on Madras for any length of time, and I have good reason to believe that some of them may be found fit for duty on Sunday who are under the necessity of reporting themselves sick during the rest of the week The Effects on the description of Corps and the Individuals otherwise, and the cause of the distress is equally so The price of almost every Article of Life is dearer on the Metropolis of every Country, and many expences are unavoidable at Madras which may be dispensed with, and that would even appear ridiculous at the Establishments of the Troops in other parts of the Country

Although I cannot entirely take upon myself to propose what may be judged an equitable addition of half Batta, yet I think it possible that the joint experience of the Service proposed by this Board may produce some arrangement that may meet with the approbation from our Superiors— I assure myself, that it will evidently appear that the Allowance of half Batta is more necessary at Madras than at any other Station on the Coast

As I conceive the discussion of the Subject by this Board may in the end be of benefit to the Service, I am therefore of opinion that we should state to the Honble the Governor in Council, how far a different distribution of half Batta from what at present exists may be adopted without additional expence to the Company and with justice to the Army in general, or that if a different distribution cannot be obtained, on this principle that an increase of the Allowance may be recommended in favor of the Troops posted at the Presidency —

The only mode which occurs to me at present without putting the Company to any additional expence and at the same time to place every Corps of the Army on a perfect equality in regard to the Allowance of half Batta is to add instead of continuing the allowance to Troops at particular Stations, as at present, that the total amount of half Batta annually as now fixed, shall be calculated as at present and shall be granted on rotation to Corps wherever they may happen to be stationed as nearly as I can now make from the present distribution of the Troops each Corps of the Army will on the

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a way of the surplus of the Artillery fund amounted to Pagodas 1800 it was given to the Lieut Colonel the Major and the senior Captain each receiving 600 Pag^{s}, and on the same principle the surplus of the Infantry fund was given to the Field officers and senior Captains of European Infantry The Company having placed the Management of Stoppages for Infantry Native Troops under an Agent with a Commission of 5 p^{r} Cent for his trouble in making up the Clothing, It was at the same time resolved that the Captains of Infantry commanding the Native Corps should receive at the rate of 500 Pag^{s} each annually on account of Office keepings during the Periods they held such Commands and from the European fund was also paid a certain Number of Invalid Officers of the Rank of Field and Captain.

When the Artillery and Infantry Funds were granted in 1770 it will be found I believe that it was thought proper to allot to the Artillery Five Shares whatever might be the Amount of the Surplus that Corps being augmented in 1770 the Regulation on the same Principle, was Six Shares, and from a further Augmentation of the Corps, as recommended by Sir John Dalling, it was thought proper to increase the Artillery Shares to Seven. The Rule observed in all the above Cases being, 1 Share, one Share for every hundred Men Constituted

If there should appear any Material error in the above statement, as it regards the nature of the Office keeping Fund and the manner of applying it, I beg it may be rectified by any Member of the Board having more correct information on the Subject —

The first Regulation in regard to a distribution of Office keepings was, I believe with an intention that length of Service should be rewarded from the Surplus of the Stoppages after providing the Clothing - but the Selection of Officers to command the native Battalions & the above allotments of them with a certain Number of Officers of the Artillery Corps (whatever might be the Surplus) has directed the reward from the fund in a very different manner, and totally frustrated the original intention, and leaves now to the operation of chance the benefit of Office keepings to the Officers posted to the Battn^{s} of European Infantry. —

Hope I shall not appear totally selfish in submitting the present Subject to consideration of Yours own situation as a clear proof of what I have advanced — Before I embarked for England in 1784,

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The Off-reckonings Fund had been established for the Year 1780 and I was at that period (1780) with those few or none of them, but by what I now learn from the Agent I am not likely to share even for 1785 Notwithstanding there of nine Officers of Artillery who are entitled to share by the present Institution there is only one (Lt Colonel Sumner) who bore a Commission a Year before me— Lt Colonel Sydenham being a Cadet of the same season we were both Commissioned Officers on our respective Corps on the same Year The above seven Officers of Artillery now entitled to Off-reckonings passed some of them have benefited by this Allowance for 19 years past, are considerably junior to me many of them of not the whole were Cadets when I held the rank of Lieut, and none of them arrived to the rank of Captain as soon as I did.

The junior Captains of the Infantry List who happen to be appointed to the Command of Native Batt.ns have, with more justice, a benefit by Off-reckonings, as they derived from a separate fund totally arising out of the Stoppages made from the Men they command But as at present there is no established fund out of which the Field Officers of Infantry attached to the native Troops in Brigade are to draw Off-reckonings I therefore (probably) they will consider themselves entitled to share from the fund of the European Infantry.

The System therefore which now exists in regard to the Drawing and Distribution of Off-reckonings being on the situation I have described, I beg leave to observe on the expediency of this Board recommending to the Honble the Governor in Council, that it may be placed on a more equitable footing, by ascertaining with precision the Officers on succession who should be entitled to receive the advantages arising from this fund I propose for the purpose to state the most reasonable principle of receipt and distribution for the consideration of this Board

1st That the fund arising from the Stoppages made from the Europeans of the Artillery and Infantry Corps respectively, after deducting the Cloathing, shall be separately managed and applied Or

2d That the fund shall continue to be managed as a joint fund, that the Distribution of Shares shall be made to the Officers on rank on the List, thereby excluding the Staff Officers appointed to the Native Troops in Brigade on the same principle as is observed in respect to the Captains appointed to command the Native Battalions Or

3d That the Surplus of the whole of the Stoppages made from the European and Native Troops Artillery and Infantry, shall be thrown into one fund, distributed on Shares to the Officers of Artillery & Infantry in one List according to Seniority Or

4th That

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many learned Officers and Seapoys wounded or discharged as have received separate Certificates for the Arrears of Pay accounting each Man

(signed) George Proctor
Agent for 1780.

NB. The Military Paymaster Books will shew what or if any part of the above Arrears have been paid —

(No 3)

Dr { Prize Money belonging to the Companys Troops at the Capture of Trincomanaly on account Current with Alex Cuthbert } Cr

		To Amount Established part of Prize money as per Accot Sales & Particulars	1156	3	-	1782 October	11	By Cash received of Mr Urquhart & remain in my Hands at Disposal of Genl Stuart being Prize Money of the Company's Troops of the Captures of Trincomanaly —
		To do paid Sundrys	82	3	-			
	1	To do paid Mullumsahib's Prize money	9	96	-			
	1	To do paid R Mealy Esq^r do as p receipt	603	22	-			
	1	To do paid Benj^a Sabaspore	676	46	-			
Mar	25	To do paid Capt^n Abbott on Account	1931	33	-			
June	1	To do p^d Ensign James Byrne for the Annual hire of the Bearer Company under his Command at Trincomanaly by order of Gen^l Lang as p^r his receipt	573	9	10			
	1	To do p^d Ens^n Rich^d Wright for do do —	655	12	10			
	30	To do p^d Ens^n Rich^d Wright for Prize money due to 10 Seapoys of Lang's Light Infantry by order of Gen^l Lang as p^r his receipt	98	24	-			
1786 October	1	To Bal^e Allowed to ~~Lang~~	553	32	60			
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Fort St George, Saturday 28th October 1786 —

Agreed

The Board of Superior of Adjutant Grimes Claim —

That the Claim of Adjutant Grimes for Stoppages exacted by an Order made by Captain Cocker for the 9th Battalion, on which the Board reported their Opinion on the 9th Septr in confirmation of which the Honble Government were pleased to issue the G. O. of the 13th Inst, respecting the Payment of Arrears of Stoppages, agreeably to which we are of Opinion the above should be paid —

In regard to the Prize Money claimed by Adjutant Grimes under the 10th Battalion, we presume that Government will not think proper to interfere further than assisting the Claimants by ordering a Court Martial or Court of Enquiry, in order to enable them to ascertain their Rights

Lt Col Malcolm's Minute respecting Offreckonings and respecting a new Arrangement of Offreckonings, and a different Distribution of half Batta —

Read the following Minute delivered in by Lieut Colonel C. Malcolm

I beg leave to submit to Consideration Two Subjects which I conceive to be of such importance as to call regularly within the Observation of the Military Board to be represented to the Honble the Governor in Council that such Alterations of the present System may take place as shall appear useful and expedient for the public Service Viz.t

1st The Distribution and Diversion of Offreckonings to Officers of a certain rank in the Corps of Artillery and Infantry. And

2nd The Stations whereon half Batta ought to be paid agreeably to the intention of the Honble Company in making this Allowance to their Officers

And, First of Offreckonings As I understand that in the Year 1770 Lieut Col Baillie the Commanding Officer of the Coast proposed, and caused that the whole of the Stoppages for Clothing the Company's European Soldiers of the Artillery and Infantry Corps should be placed under the Management of One Agent and in a distinct one Fund it is to be supposed that before that Period, the Stoppages for Clothing and the Offreckonings arising therefrom, were managed for the two Corps as a seperate Interest & I believe it will appear, that the Surplus Sum remaining of the Stoppages after proceeding the Clothing, was divided in each Corps into Shares of Pagodas 600, and was applied annually for the benefit of the Field Officers and Captains in Currency that

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place and as per said contract with Captain Kennedge, this is the whole the Battalion has yet received. — I should also desire to prove that the Agents are ultimately responsible, it is essential to notice that Capt. Scott was only in the Temporary command of the Battalion by an order from General Munro, and at a time when Captain Scott was absent from the Corps & consequently could not legally enter into contracts concerning the Agents / the Honble Basil Cochrane and " Alexander Brodie Esqrs / paid him the whole Amount of the prize Money, but fully aware of the irregularity of this proceeding besides a receipt, they obliged him to grant a Bond of indemnification " to / Majr Rochfort & Graham being Securities / from any further Demands by the Battalion — In this they certainly acted with becoming Caution as Captain Scott could neither have Authority to receive Money, or grant receipts for a Corps actually commanded by another Officer. I trust, Honble Sir, the matter will appear to you in the light and that the Agents, having acted agreeably conformy to the Rules of the Service, are still Answerable to the Battalion — Captain Scotts Bandsmen now in the Country, are sufficient Security against any loss to the Agents. — The third and last Claim which I have the honor to represent, concerns a Detachment of Volunteers from the 16th Battalion who have participated in the Siege of Tanjore since my arrival at this Presidency, I have been assiduous in my endeavours to discover, by what circumstance or neglect, the Prize Money of this Detachment has been so long withheld; the only information I have been able to obtain has been drawn from Mr Cuthberts' Vouchers, in the possession of Mr Desonza his Attorney, for disbursements made in consequence of Orders by General Stuart and Lang. By the accompanying Statement marked No. 3. you will perceive Pags 6339. 9 the total Amount of the Tanjore Prize Money, the Sum of Pagodas 5785. 18. 20 has been paid away by Mr Cuthbert, and the Balance Pags 553. 32. 60 delivered to his Attorney which by an Order from Sir John Dalling has been placed in Lieut Davidson's hands, as soon as I had procured this information I advised Mr Davidson by Letter of the Claims of the 16th Battalion, & requested he would not make any Issues until your pleasure should be known, he has acquainted me that previous to the receipt of my Letter he had made a payment to the 6th Battalion to the amount of about Pags 400 but that the

the Lines

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Balance should be held at your disposal – It is apparent from the before mentioned Vouchers, that Mr Cuthbert has fully exonerated himself, & remains to be explained for what reason the Payment of the Depoys has been so long delayed, and what Officers Have drawn the Prize Money of the 6th Battalion, I will not venture to give a decisive Opinion on a matter so perplexed, but if Envy be allowed to hazard a Conjecture founded I think upon probable Grounds, it must either be included in the Pioneers Executables, that Corps having been formed of Drafts from the different Detachments, or the deficiency must have arisen from Mr Cuthbert having paid the full proportion of the several Detachments to their respective Commanding Officers, without reflecting that he himself had hand to undervalued Claiments the two first Sums on the Statement – In the fullest confidence that you will take the necessary measures for the recovery of this Money, in consideration of the meritorious & exemplary behaviour of those Men, who, throwing aside the prejudices of their Country & Cast, voluntarily exposed themselves to the hard Ships they must necessarily experience on their board a Hostile regnes for the mean time that the small Balance with Mr Dowlow should be appropriated to the discharge of part of this Claim

I have the honor to be with respect
Honble Sir
Your most obedient and
humble Servant
Signed John Jones
Adjt 10th Regt Ft

Fort St George
the 16 October 1786

(No 1)

These are to certify, that the 10th Battalion of Sepoys did not receive any Pay of Mounting Loom one for the Year 1778

Madras
the 1st Sept 1786

Signed [illegible]
Adjutant for that Year

No 2,

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These are to certify that the 10th Regiment Battalion of Sepoys has not been completed with the Pay & Cloathing for the Year 1779 and eleven Months for 1780 with Exception [illegible]

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place and as far as I can consist with the Captain Thomas Coolidge, this is the whole the Battalion has yet received — To elucidate further I wish to prove that the Agents are ultimately responsible it is essential to notice that Capt.n Scott was only in the Temporary command of the Battalion by an order from General Munro, and at a time when Captain Scott was absent from the Corps & consequently could not legally sign any receipts for the Agents (the Honble David Cockrane and Alexander Brodie Esq.r) paid him the whole Amount of the Prize Money, but fully aware of the irregularity of this proceeding besides a receipt, they obliged him to grant a Bond of indemnification &c. to Messrs Rochfort & Graham being Securities from any further Demands by the Battalion — In this they certainly acted with becoming Caution as Captain Scott could neither have Authority to receive Money, or grant receipts for a Corps actually commanded by another officer. I trust, Honble Sir, the matter will appear to you in the light and that the Agents, having acted expressly contrary to the Rules of the Service, are still Amenable to the Battalion — Captain Scotts Bondsmen now in the Country, are sufficient Security against any Loss to the Agents — The third and last Claim which I have the honor to represent, concerns a Detachment of Volunteers from the 10th Battalion, who participated in the Siege of Trincomale since my arrival at this Presidency, I have been assiduous in my endeavours to discover, by whose connivance or neglect, the Prize Money of this Detachment has been so long withheld, the only information I have been able to obtain has been drawn from Mr Cuthberts Vouchers, in the Office of Mr Desfonge his Attorney, for disbursements made in consequence of Orders by General Stuart and Lang. By the accompanying Statement marked No. 3 you will perceive Pag.s 6339.9 the Total Amount of the Trincomale Prize Money, the Sum of Pagodas 5785.18.20 has been paid away by Mr Cuthbert, and the Balance Pag.s 553.32.60 delivered to his Attorney which by an Order from Sir John Dalling has been placed in Lieut. Davidson's hands; as soon as I had procured this information I advised Mr Davidson by Letter of the Claims of the 10th Battalion, & requested he would not make any Issues until your pleasure should be known, he has acquainted me that previous to the receipt of my Letter he had made a payment to the 6th Battalion to the amount of about Pag.s 600, but that the

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Balance should be held at your disposal - It is apparent from the before mentioned Vouchers, that Mr Cuthbert has fully exonerated himself, & remains to be explained for what reason the Payment of the Arrears has been so long delayed, and what Officers have drawn the Prize money of the 10th Battalion, Could not vouchers be given a decisive opinion on a matter so perplexed, but if may be allowed to hazard a conjecture founded on shrewd upon probable Grounds, it must either be included in the Pioneers Contingencies, that Corps having been formed of Recruits from the different Detachments, or their deficiency must have arisen from Mr Cuthbert having paid the full proportion of the several Detachments to their respective Commanding Officers, without reflecting that he himself had paid to individual Claimants the Arrears on the Estimate - In the fullest confidence that you will take the necessary measures for the recovery of this Money in consideration of the meritorious & exemplary behaviour of those Men, who throwing aside the Impediments of their Country & Cast, so cheerfully exposed themselves to the Hand of Death they must necessarily experience on their Coast & I must request for them in the meantime that the small Balance with Mr Grant may stand be appropriated to the discharge of part of their Claim

I have the Honor to be with respect
Hon'ble Sir
Your most obedient and
humble Servant
Edm Jones
Adjt 10th Batt Sepoys

Fort St George
the 28th October 1786

(No 91)

These are to certify, that the 10th Battalion of Sepoys did not receive any Pay & Mounting Cash one for the Year 1786

Madras
the 5th Sept 1786

Edm Jones
Adjt for the 1st Batt Sepoys

No 92

Fort St George the 5th Sept 1786

These are to certify that the 10th remains Battalion of Sepoys has not been completed with Recruits for the year 1779 and eleven Months for 1780 in the Establishment

Commanded

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To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.
Governor President &c Council
Fort St George

Capt. Godfrey's Claim for Colours made by him for the 9th Batt.

Honble Sir & Sirs

My severe misfortune compelling me to go to Europe in the Year 1784. and the critical situation of affairs at the time as well my own embarrassed circumstances, was the cause I had not a hand to forward the enclosed paper before —

The Colours which the Honorable Company's ninth Battalion of native Infantry now bear were made up whilst at Negapatam at my own expence and as per the Custom of the service to make an Allowance for the same, Permit me to hope you Honble Sirs will be pleased to order them Charge to be repaid me

I am Honorable Sir, & Sirs,
with the greatest respect,
Your Dutiful and obt Servt
(Signed) William Godfrey
Capt. Lieut. 24th Batt. Native Infy

Madras
October 26th 1786.

The Honble Company Dr

To a pair of Colours for the use of the ninth Battalion of Native Infantry as per Taylor's Bill } 46-0

Negapatam
December 26th 1783

William Godfrey
Commandt 9th Battn

Agreed

That the Secretary write a Letter to Captain Lieut Godfrey desiring to know whether he was in the Command of the 9th Battalion at the time he made up the Colours and by what authority he did it.

Read

Fort St George — Saturday, 28th October 1786

Read a Letter from Adjutant Innes —

To Lieut. General Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.
Governor & Commander in Chief &c &c —

Adjutant Innes shewing sundry cases of the 10th Battalion —

Honble Sir,

By an application from Captn Knox Commanding the 10th Madras Battalion of Infy, to the late Commander in Chief, I obtained permission to proceed to the Presidency to lay before you the several Claims of that Corps — Before I enter on a recital of the Claims, permit me to observe that Captain Knox has ineffectually endeavoured to have them settled, & that it has now become unavoidable to submit them to Your Decision The first in point of Date related to half Mounting — during the Continuance of the War, when all communication between Madras & other parts of the Country was entirely cut off, those Corps stationed at a Distance from the Presidency, could not possibly receive their yearly allowance of half Mounting, but the Paymasters in the Field, and Out Garrisons, from an idea that the Corps were in order to Madras, & that every Corps would have its full proportion upon a Return taken of the Disturbances made the usual Stoppages on Acct Account — I have the honor to transmit herewith Certificates marked No 1 & 2 from Majr Call and Proctor shewing that the 10th Battalion was not furnished with half Mounting for the Years 1778 1779 & 11 Months in 1780, and there are now in the Battalion above two hundred Non Commissioned Officers & Sepoys who have Claims for Stoppages during this period — besides the families and Relations of many deceased Sepoys who have become followers of the Corps in expectation of this and the Claims afore mentioned being settled and of receiving what is justly their due by the GO of the 13th Ulto is meant to extend to every case of this nature with all due submission I beg leave to remark that on the present occasion the death of one Paymaster & the return of another to Europe, render it impossible to procure the Certificates thereby directed, which puts a total Stop to the Adjustment of this Claim, in the manner pointed out by the above GO another Claim of the 10th Battalion is to the sum of Star Pagodas 1572 arising from the Captivity of Nagapatam, deducting therefrom 329 Pardonnavo Pagos paid on account of Captain Scall (now in Europe) who commanded the Corps at the Captivity of that

Place

Fort St. George Tuesday 14th October 1766

We beg leave to recommend the Claims of the following Persons which appear to us the best founded of any on the List.

Government pay Claims not decided on. The Board imagining to have allowed Hundy which they be granted the Company for the rebels Crimes Effects & Estate, as this Head, as in this manner required	Jemedar Timma Naig
	Jemedar Permal Naig
	Jemedar Kistnamah Naick
	Jemedar Naregee.

At the same time that we have selected so valuable a number, we think there may be some other persons who have claims on the Service, if the state of the Company's Finances will admit of their increasing the intended and present List, and which would not only be a very considerable additional expence, but likewise entirely destroy that spirit of emulation so necessary to induce Sepoys either to enlist, or even continue in the service, we have therefore declined recommending any of these Native Officers (except the above mentioned in addition to those already approved by Major General Sir Archibald Campbell) to be effective List - But from Motives of humanity and justice to these Officers who having been long devoted to a Military Life, would consequently be greatly distressed if left entirely unprovided for, we beg leave to observe to the Honble Governor in Council, that many of them appear to us to have strong Claims on the Nabob on consequence of long and faithful Services rendered to him, and we therefore beg leave humbly to suggest the expediency of recommending their case to the favorable Attention of His Highness.

We have the honor to be,
with profound respect,
Honble Sirs &c.
Your most obedient
humble Servants

Signed. James Capper.
Jas Campbell.
Wm. Sydenham

Fort George Saturday 28th October 1786

Proceedings at a Meeting of the Military Board

Present
- Colonel Cappper - Commissary General - President.
- Lt. Colonel Ross - Chief Engineer.
- Lt. Colonel Edmonstone - Commanding the Troops of the Province.
- Lt. Colonel Malcolm Adjutant General.
- Lt. Colonel Campbell D. Master General.
- Lt. Colonel Sydenham - Commanding the Artillery.

Read the following Letter from Mr Secretary Chamier
Military Department

To Colonel Cappper
&c Members of the Military Board

Mr Chamier's Letter to the Military Board.

Gentlemen,

As the Articles mentioned in the 4th Paragraph of the Instructions to Barrack Masters, have not generally been laid upon the Companys Stores, the Board are pleased to direct that they be furnished by the Barrack Masters, agreeably to the Mode prescribed in the 5th Paragraph of the above mentioned Instructions. —

I am
Gentlemen
Your most obedient Servant
Signed John Chamier Secry

Fort St George
25 October 1786.

Read a Letter from Mr Secretary Chamier with Enclosures.
Military Department

To Colonel James Cappper
&c to the Members of the Military Board.

Mr Secy Chamiers Letter to the M Bd.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Honble President & Council to desire you will be pleased to report your opinion upon the accounts accompanying Claims &c &c by Captain Lieutenant Godfrey, and Lieutenant John Jones.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your most obedient Servant
Signed John Chamier Secry

Fort St George
28th October 1786.—

Fort St George [illegible] 17 October 1786.

Opinion of the Board upon the Claims of the Native Officers of the Tanjore Islands &c Trichinopoly Independants

After carefully examining the report of the Board of Officers whereof Colonel Kelly was President held at Trichinopoly, containing the Claims &c of the Native Officers of the late Tanjore Islands and Trichinopoly Independants who were in the Company's Pay during the late War we beg leave to recommend the Claims of the following Persons which appear to us the best founded of any on the List

Timm Naig Jemedar Permal Naick Jemedar Kistnamah Naick Jemedar Narayn " Jemedar	Gooromooty. To ascertain whether endorsed to the Nabob Answer by Col Wood, or his own request —

At the same time that we have selected only so small a Number we think there may be some other persons who have strong Claims on the service & the state of the Company's Finances would admit of their receiving the Invalid and Pension List — And as it would not only be a very considerable additional expence, but likewise entirely destroy that spirit of emulation so necessary to endeare Sepoys either to enlist, or even continue in the Service, we have particularly declined putting any of the Native Officers except the above mentioned in addition to those already approved of by the Honble the Governor upon the List of Effectives — But from Motives of humanity and justice to those Officers who having been long devoted to a Military Life, would be greatly distressed if left entirely unprovided for we beg leave to observe to the Honble President and Council that many of them appear to us to have strong Claims on the Nabob in consequence of long and faithful Services rendered to him and we therefore beg leave humbly to suggest the expediency of recommending their Case to the favorable consideration of His Highness —

Agreed that the following Letter be written and addressed to the Honble the Governor &c &c &c in Council —

To the Honble Major General Sir Archibald Campbell
KB &c &c &c Governor in Council

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have had the honor to receive Mr Secretary Chamiers Letter of the 28th Ulto accompanied by the Sets of Regulations for the Engineers and Barrack Masters Departments, which on

Abdn. 11th

Fort St. George — Tuesday 17th October 1786

Obedience to your Commands we should in sustain the new Edition of the Book of Regulations, and also an Application from Brigade Major Dyer, on which we can only observe, that a former application of a similar nature having been rejected by us, we do not consider ourselves authorized to recommend any deviation from the fixed Establishment in the present instance.

We have likewise received from the late Committee for drawing out new Regulations for the Services, both their own proceedings and the Order of Government extracted by their Clerk from the Honble Company's Records.

When you were pleased to order these papers to be delivered over to us, it was of course our intention to acknowledge every assistance we should derive from them, but after a most careful Examination of their proceedings, we find the whole perfectly undigested, and excepting the Extracts from the Records almost entirely useless to us.

Lt Colonel Moorhouse has indeed with accuracy and perseverance laid before the Committee some Statements respecting Rates &c that were, we believe, well calculated for the former Establishment, but unfortunately for us, not one of these are applicable to the present System, and consequently we have the whole Work to begin again, as completely as if it had never before been attempted.

In order to enable you to judge of our opinion of their Proceedings as well founded, we have the honor to lay them before you in the same state as they were delivered over to us, and we beg leave to say, that we should not have troubled your Honble Board with this Remark had we not been informed that the Committee publicly arrogate to themselves the sole merit of having almost completed the work and loudly complain that it was executed from their Records in the instant it was nearly finished.

We should have been happy to have found it in so much an advanced state, and considering that it will be a matter of great public Utility to be properly finished, we shall cheerfully receive any advice or assistance from any Person, without adverting to their rank or precedence in the Service

After carefully examining the Proceedings of the Board of Officers held at Trichinopoly whereof Col Kelly was President as well as the Claims &c of the relative Officers of the late Tanjore Shandoo and other Independants, who were in the Company's pay during the late War,

Fort St George Tuesday 17th October 1786.

Proceedings of the Meeting of the Military Board.

Present { Colonel Kapper — Commissary General — President
Lieut Colonel Campbell D.M. Master General
Lieut Colonel Sydenham Commanding the Artillery

Absent { Lieut Colonel Ross Chief Engineer
Lieut Colonel Cockburn Commandt the Troops at the Bar and Island
Lieut Colonel Malcolm — Adjutant General

Read the following Letter from Mr Secretary Chamier, inclosing Letter from Major of Brigade Dyce —

Military Department

To Colonel James Kapper
and to the Members of the Military Board —

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Honble President and Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter dated the 26th instant, and to inform you that they approve your intended Mode of proceeding in collecting Materials for a new edition of the Book of Regulations — Inclosed are two sets of Regulations for the Engineers and Barrack Masters Departments, which are to be inserted in the Work compiling by your Board —

Directions have been given to the Late Committee for revising the Book of Regulations to deliver over all the Extracts from General Orders and from the Records which are in their possession —

Inclosed is application from Major of Brigade Dyce, requesting an Allowance of 26 Pagodas p Month for Watches and Candles to which you are desired to report your opinion —

I am,
Gentlemen
Your most obedt Servant
Signed John Chamier Secy

Fort St George
28 September 1786.

Read

Fort St George Tuesday 17 October 1786.

Read a Letter from Major of Brigade Dyce

B. M. Dyce's Claim of an Allowance for Waiters &c.

Sir

I avail myself of the opportunity of your presence at Madras to solicit your representation of the following circumstances to the Commander in Chief &c. &c. &c. respecting a claim which I trust only requires explanation to be granted. —

You must be sensible Sir that ever since the Abolition of my employment of Deputy Adjutant General to the Southern Forces, the weight of the official Duty of the General Command in the Peninsula south of the Pennar, in as much as regarded the circulation of Orders, the Keeping of Rolls, and making out Returns, has been conducted by me without the smallest Allowance under any head on that account —

The personal application requisite in that work of superintendance I cheerfully bestowed to forward the Service, but the peculiarity of my situation as Major of Brigade, being the only Staff in the Army connected with the details that have not an Allowance for Writers or Sepoys upon the Establishment to assist in their Department, unavoidably involved me in a considerable expence on that score, which I now solicit through you to obtain an order of Government for the Paymaster here to discharge from the period of my appointment as Major of Brigade.

I beg leave most respectfully to suggest the propriety of granting me the Allowance for Writers which was established for the Deputy Adjutant General to the Southward, being Pag.s 20 ℔ Month and Pag.s 6 for Stationary and Candles, which Allowance will but barely be adequate to the Expences I have unavoidably incurred on the Publick account since the Post of Deputy Adjutant General was annulled, and must continue accordingly to disburse while I have the Honor of serving under you, during your present Command in the General Line. —

I have the Honor to be with respect
Sir, Your most obedient and
most humble Servant
(Signed) A. Dyce,
Major of Brigade. —

Seichenopoly
20th Sept.r 1786.

Brigadier General Horne
Commanding the Southern Forces. —

Agreed.

The Propriety of an Allowance on Br. M. Dyce's Claim. —

That as former Applications of a similar Nature have been rejected by us, we do not consider ourselves authorized to recommend any deviation from the fixed Establishment in the present instance of Brigade Major Dyce —

Fort St. George. Tuesday 17th October 1786.

Proceedings at the Meeting of the Military Board.

Present { Colonel Capper Commissary General — President
Lieut Colonel Campbell D.r Master General
Lieut Colonel Sydenham Commanding the Artillery

Absent { Lieut Colonel Ross Chief Engineer
Lieut Colonel Edingtoun Command.g the Troops at the Mount and depend.s
Lieut Colonel Malcolm — Adjutant General

Read the following Letter from Mr Secretary Chamier, inclosing a Letter from Major of Brigade Dyce —

Military Department.

To Colonel James Capper
and to the Members of the Military Board.

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Directions have been given to the Late Committee for reviewing the Book of Regulations to deliver over all the Extracts from General Orders and from the Records which are in their possession —

Inclose an Application from Major of Brigade Dyce, requesting an Allowance of 2/6 Pagodas pr Month for Mortars and Candles, on which you are desired to report your opinion —

I am,
Gentlemen,
Your most obedt Servant
Signed John Chamier Secy

Fort St. George
22 September 1786

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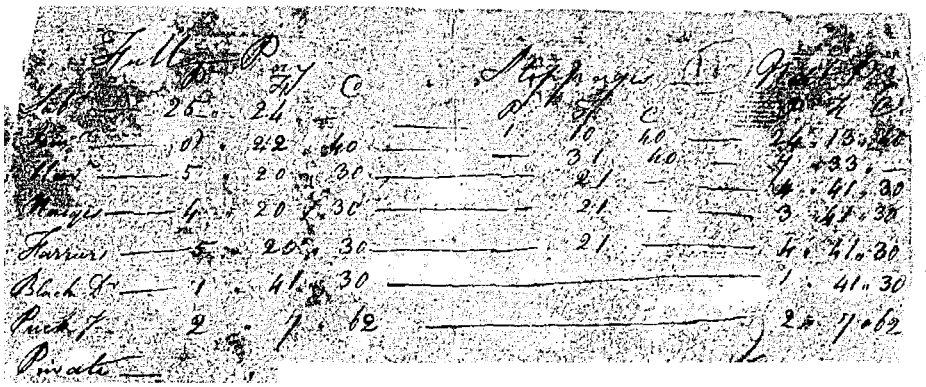

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Lt	5	20	30		21		4	41	30
Surgeon	4	20	30		21		3	41	30
Farrier	5	20	30		21		4	41	30
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Quar Mr	2	1	62				2	1	62
Private									

13 Mr. D. Claim of an Allowance for Mrs.

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L. Bubbe to — Edwards
Jno. Hackshall Esq.

as Major of Brigade, being the only Staff in the Army connected with its details that have not an Allowance for Writing or Sergeants upon the Establishment to assist in their Department, unavoidably involved me in a considerable expence on that score, which I now solicit through you to obtain an order of Government for the Paymaster here to discharge from the period of my appointment as Major of Brigade.

I beg leave most respectfully to suggest the propriety of granting me the Allowance for Writers which was established for the Deputy Adjutant General to the Southward, being Pay 20/ Month and Pay 6 for Stationary and Candles, which Allowance would but barely be adequate to the Expences I have unavoidably incurred on the Publics account since the post of Deputy Adjutant General was annulled; and should continue monthly to disburse while I have the honor of serving under you, during your present Command in the General line. —

I have the honor to be with respect
&c. Your most obedient and
most humble Servant
Signed A Dyce
Major of Brigade.

Joachimsoley
20th Sept 1796

Brigadier General Horne
Commanding the Southern Forces. —

Agreed.

The Brigadiers opinion on Mr. A. Dyce's Claim. —

That as former Applications of a similar Nature have been refused by Government, we do not consider ourselves authorized to recommend any deviation from the fixed establishment in the present instance of Brigade Major Dyce

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be issued forthwith compleat, and fit for service from the General Stores, we are of opinion that Captain Oliver's application should not be complied with —

We have the honor to be,
Honble Sir, Sirs,
Your most obedient
humble Servants

Fort St George
23 Septr 1786 —

signed
James Cappper
Patrick Ross
Henry Malcolm
James Campbell
Wm Sydenham

Fort St George, Saturday 7th October 1786

Proceedings at a Meeting of the Military Board

Present { Colonel Capper Commissary General, President
Lt Colonel Campbell Dy Master General

Absent { Lt Colonel Rose - Chief Engineer
Lt Colonel Fleming Commanding the Troops at the Presidency
Lt Colonel Malcolm - Adjutant General
Lt Colonel Sydenham - Commanding the Artillery - on duty

A sufficient Number of the Members not attending to form Board Agreed to adjourn

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Agreed to adopt the Distribution of the above Work as proposed by Colonel Capper

Read a Letter from Mr Deputy Secretary Jackson with Enclosures.

To John Chamier Esqr Secretary

Sir,

The accompanying Letter from Capt.n Oliver, I have the honor to transmit upon for the Humble Board's Decision as I am not qualified to judge of the propriety of my complying with his Application I have however, looked into the Accounts of my Predecessor, & observe three charges of 15 Pagodas each made in the Months of Feb.y & March 1776 to three Corps for a Composition for plucking the Pouches but can find no authority for their having been made

I have honor to be,

Your most obedient Servant

Signed Thos. Palk Paymaster

Trichinopoly
11th September 1786

To Mr Thomas Palk
Store Keeper

Sir,

The state in which Pouches were issued to the Troops from the general Stores rendered it necessary to make a Composition to buy an Oil cloth Flap, to secure the Cartridges from the Weather, & preserve the Ammunition when ahead, being attended with expence, was represented in 1776 by Colonel Fraser Stuart to Government who were pleased at that time to order Thirty five Pagodas to be paid to each Corps for the above purpose. There now in store with the 13th Battalion of Native Infantry requiring to be put in a State to resist the weather, and keep the Ammunition dry, I enquired to know whether my Indent for the Sum allowed in 1776 would be complied with

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most humble Servant

James Oliver

Capt.n Commanding 13th Batt.n

Trichinopoly
6th September 1786

Fort St. George - 23 September 1786

The Bearer of Summons upon Capt. Oliver Claim

Agreed That as the Ponches should always be ferved compleat and fet for Service from the General Store, we are thereforo of opinion that the present Application of Captain Oliver should not be complied with. —

Agreed - that a Letter be written to the Hon'ble President and Council on the above Subjects —

To the Honble Major Genl Sir Archibald Campbell KB President and Governor & Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Proceedings of the Committee for revising the Book of Military Regulations delivered over to us in a full Board met in order to form the neceffary Arrangements for carrying into execution your Orders of the 10th Ult, and Colonel Capper's following Minute propofed a Plan and diftribution of that work which we have unanimously agreed to adopt -

[Here Col Capper's Minute was inferted]

It appears upon the Proceedings of the Committee of Military Regulations delivered to us that the Clerk was ordered to Extract from the Honble Company's Records and the General Orders any Refolution and Suggeftion of Government that might affift them in forming and rendering compleat the propofed new Edition of the Book of Regulations. No fuch Extracts appear to have been made as by Letter to obferve they have not been delivered over to us which we from thy conceive they ought to have been in forming an eſſential part of their Proceedings and which being on our Profeſſion, would ſave us as well as the Secretaries, by whom the Records are kept an enfinite deal of trouble

We have been honored with Mr Jackſon's Letter of the 20th inſtant accompanied by a Letter and Enclofures from Mr Falk, reſpecting an Allowance to be made for a Compoſition to fucceed the Pouches - As thoſe Inſtruments ſhould always

Fort St. George -- 23 Sept. 1786

Proceedings of a Meeting of the Military Board

Present { Colonel Kuppen Commissary General President
Lieut. Colonel Ross — Chief Engineer
Lieut. Colonel Malcolm — Adjutant General
Lieut. Colonel Campbell — D. Master General
Lieut. Colonel Sydenham — Commanding the Artillery

absent — Lieut. Colonel Edmonstoun — indisposed.

Read the following Letter from the Clerk of the Committee for revising the Book of Military Regulations to the Secretary

To Mr. John Stuart
Secretary to the Military Board

Sir, Pursuant to orders from the Honble President and Council under Date the 16th Ultimo I am directed by the Committee for revising the Book of Military Regulations to send you the enclosed Proceedings, the receipt of which you will be pleased to acknowledge

I am,
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
J. Greenhill Clerk

Fort St. George
23d September 1786

Colonel Kuppen enters the following Minute

The Honble the Governor in Council having directed as to draw and a new Book of Military Regulations, & the Committee formally appointed for that purpose having now delivered over to us the Orders of the Government, and other Materials they have collected from the Public Records We conceive only for us to carry these Orders into Execution without delay That Measure will be most readily done by each of us taking the Management of that part of the Work with which he is best acquainted and I doubt not by these means, we shall be able to compleat the whole in the course of a few months —

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I beg leave to lay before the Board this Distribution which appears to me the most eligible, but if any Member thinks I am thereby charged with more than his proper Share of the Burthen, I shall cheerfully afford him any assistance in my power or chearfully adopt any other Arrangement that the Board may think proper to propose

Distribution

Colonel Kyd	Accomt & Comptroller General's Department
Colonel Ross	Engineers & Pioneers
Lieut Col Edmondstone	Infantry
Lieut Col Malcolm	Depots and Adjutant General's
Lieut Col Campbell	Cavalry & Paymaster General's
Lieut Col Sydenham	Artillery and Stores

Besides these there will remain the Medical Department, of I can justifiably form any opinion at this time, I shall endeavour also to draw out the Hospital Regulations, but as it must be a very arduous undertaking, in the performance of this Task, I must request the assistance of every other Member of the Board.

I have desired the Secretary to draw out the present [illegible] Military Establishment, and to get Copies made of every preceding and Manuscript Paper or more Papers or Papers respecting Military Regulations when these are done, each Member will be furnished with all the Materials relative to his own Department.

As we advance in the Work and arrange in good Order the former Regulations, which now lay dispersed about in different Offices, we shall daily become more conversant in the Business & so be able to determine what part of these Regulations are applicable to the present System — what alterations may be necessary to adapt them to the change of System renders any Additions or Additions necessary & every Order we issue must strengthen well I am persuaded to suggested by each Member from his own particular knowledge & experience, but these must be subject finally to the Examination and Controul of the whole Board

Here, however, our Labours will not end for I am to have every thing examined every different Department separately & must take a new Review of the great Work and be more than usually careful that the [illegible] together forms a compleat System of Military Regulations by which every Person will be made responsible with his own particular rights & duty & every Officer throughout the Army will be clearly defined

I have the Honor &c

Fort St. George - 16 September 1786

To the Honble. Major General Sir Archibald Campbell K.B. Governor and Commander in Chief in Council at Fort St. George

Honble Sir, & Sirs,

In the Month of November 1780, a Resolution passed the Honble Board that the Arrears due to the Cavalry of the Nabob should be discharged by the Honble Company, in Bonds or Notes or Bonds payable at the expiration of a limited time, and thereon remainder in ready Money.

In consequence of this Resolution, all the Officers who joined the Grand Army from at the Mount, received Bonds for their Arrears except Captain Stevenson and Captain John Macalester, whose Accounts being then unadjusted with the Nabob, they were prevented from making Application.

In the Month of September last, Captain Stevenson applied to the Honorable Board and Bonds were ordered to be granted agreeable to the above Resolution.

I therefore take the Liberty of troubling your Honor with one of the Recommendations of the deceased Captain John Macalester to request that you will be pleased to admit his Claim to be liquidated in the same manner with those of the other Officers of the Corps and that you will Order Bonds for the Arrears of Pay, Batta, Cloathing and Contingent to be granted bearing an allowance of Star Pagodas 17 0 0 a Month from the 1st August 1781 when the Nabob issued Bonds in favor of Captain John Macalester for the above Ballance of the Arrears.

I have the honor to be, Honble Sir & Sirs,
Your most obedient & humble Servant
/Signed/ Keith Macalester

Madras
the 16th Sept. 1786

True Copy
Wm Jackson Secy

Read an Extract of a Letter from the Commissary Genl to Government -

Extract of a Letter from the Commissary General dated 12th Sept. 1786

I am also to request you will honor me with your Commands respecting Batta to be paid to the Troops according to their present

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Allowance as appears how they may be stated at the following rate

Physician General	Colonels Batta
Chief Surgeon	Ditto Colonels do
Head Surgeon of Hospitals where 6000 Men are stationed	do do
Head Surgeon of every Genl Hospital	Majors do
Regimental Surgeons	Captains do
Hospital Mates	Lieutenants do
Regimental Mates	Ensigns do

"If this Rate of Payment must undergone application it will probably be necessary to mention that the Order of Batta is to be allowed but when they travel on duty, and by permission of the Governor and Commander in Chief or in his absence by the permission of the Officer under whom they do immediately serve."

Above Copy

Signed W. Cr Jackson Dy Sy

Agreed That the Secretary be directed to write to Mr Chinnery and request from him some Vouchers which may seem to substantiate what Sums are due to Captain Macalester for Arrears of Pay Batta and Clothing and what is the Amount of his Claim on account of Contract

Agreed to adjourn the further consideration of this to Friday next

The above Vouchers are received

(Signed) Thos Cosserat
Wm Ross
Jno Call Cossaboom

Fort St. George, 9th September 1796

Officer or Serjeant who may have Claims for Stoppages previous to the Year 1790, and who can produce Certificates properly authenticated by the Officer Commanding the Company to which he belonged countersigned and certified by the Commanding Officer of the Battalion and the Paymaster for the time being, as entitled to receive his arrears in Money. Before the Papers laid before us we see no authority for Captain Cooke's request to draw either for the Stoppages for the Year 1790, or for the Arrears due previous thereto, but that the same which should remain as a Deposit in the Treasury until applied for by the proper Claimants.

In obedience to your Instructions we have investigated the Application of Lieut. Thomas Oakes, Paymaster of Palamcotah for Arrears of Clothing due to the Tinnevelly Independents. And as it appears to us to be only the Duty of the Paymaster of Palamcotah to make the regular Stoppages from the Sepoys, and carry them to the Credit of the Company we do not consider him authorized to make any Application for the Arrears of Clothing for those Corps which they might become entitled to from the Officers commanding them and they should therefore be paid in the same manner as is recommended by us in the preceding case of the 9th Battalion.

Having resumed the consideration of Lieut. Colonel Fanning's application on the receipt of his Answer to our Secretary's Letter, we are of Opinion that the Sepoys are entitled to the Payment of their Arrears of Clothing in the same manner, and under the same Restrictions, as before suggested for the 9th Battalion of Sepoys, and the Tinnevelly Independents.

Our Secretary having been directed to apply for the Proceedings of the Committee for reviewing the Book of Regulations, informs us, that their Clerk is now transcribing their Proceedings fair, and expects to have them ready to deliver us at our next Meeting.

We have the Honor to be,
with the most perfect Respect
Honble Sirs, Your Hons,
Your most obedt & humble Servants
Signed/ James Cosgrave,
Henry Malcolm
James Campbell
Wm Sydenham,

Fort St. George
9 Sept 1796

Fort St. George Saturday 16 September 1780

Proceedings at a Meeting of the Military Board

Present { Colonel Capper Commissary General President
Lieut Colonel Ross Chief Engineer
Lieut Colonel Campbell Quartermaster General

absent { Lieut Colonel Edmonstoun Commanding the Troops at the Presidency
Lieut Colonel Malcolm Adjutant General
Lieut Colonel Sydenham Commanding the Artillery

Read a Letter from Mr Secretary Chamier with Enclosure
Military Department

To Colonel Capper
and to the Members of the Military Board

Gentlemen,

Letter from Mr Secy Chamier

I am directed by the Honble Governor and Council to desire you will report your Opinion upon the accompanying Letter from Captain Lieutenant Macalester, whose Claim upon the Company for the Payment of Arrears due to his late Brother on account of Cavalry Contract is not to be included in your consideration for Arrears of Pay and Batta as the Governor and Council do not consider the Company responsible for the Debts of the Natives or any Contracts they may have entered into with the Officers of the Cavalry

I am further directed to send you the enclosed Extract of a Letter from the Commissary General which the Governor and Council have confirmed relative to Batta to Sergeons when travelling on duty and to desire you will cause it to be entered in the Book of Regulations which you are now forming

I am,
Gentlemen
Your most obedient Servant
John Chamier Secy

Fort St.
13 Septr.

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Fort St. George 9th Sept 1806

Artillery in Non Effects I found no regular Lascars at that Station, and in consequence received Instructions from the Officer Commanding Officers of the Army increased, and additional Guns were required, to furnish Lascars Officers to work them which I executed agreeably to the enclosed List — The Major part of these Lascars belong now to the 2d Battalion of Artillery from which were discharged recently on and about Trichinopoly, on them behalf I solicited Gentlemen concerning them entitled to their Cloaths during the Service they served the Company

I have the Honor to be,
Gentlemen,
Your most obedient Servant
Signed E Tanner
Lieut Col of Artillery

Fort St George
5 Sept 1806

Agreed

Extract of the Min. of Con. on Lascars

That the Lascars are entitled to be placed on the same manner and under the same restrictions as already suggested for the 9th Battalion of Sepoys and the Corps of Permanently Independents —

As the Committee for reviewing the Book of Regulations is not yet declared even to see their Proceedings, we are unable to proceed in executing the Orders of Government, for concluding that necessary Work —

To the Honble Major General Sir Archibald Campbell Kt &
President &c Council of
Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have been honored with Mr Secretary Chamiers Letters of the 25th Ult & and 6th Instant —

In the former of these your Honble Board was pleased to give your Opinion on a Letter from Captain Sale enclosing a request from Mr Kincaid to be reimbursed the sum he expended on building the Quarters at Amboor — as we are ignorant of any authority which he had for building them, we deem his Claim inadmissible —

Agreeable to your Orders of the 6th inst we have considered the Application of Colonel Floyd for the payment of a certain Number of

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Armourers &c as stated in the Extract of the Commissary General's Letter to Government — As an Allowance is made to the Captains or Officers commanding Foreign Companies in his Majesty's Service for keeping their Arms in repair, we apprehend that no Armourers may be Borne Foreigners to attend at the Charge of the Company, without the 23 Regiments of Light Dragoons or any other of His Majesty's Regiments serving under the Presidency

Having examined the Abstracts of Arrears of Off Mounting due to the 9th Battalion of Sepoys according to Captain Lieut Dunghtie we agree to the following Extracts of GO as respectively stated thereto.

Extract of GO by Government 5th October 1780

"The President and Select Committee have also resolved that the Sepoy shall in future forfeit thereout Stoppages or half mounting and no Stoppages whatever are to be from their pay on that account — That Captains of the several Battalions will see that they furnish themselves annually with the quantity mentioned in the Book of Regulations."

"With respect to the Stoppages now due to the Sepoy Battalions those for the Year 1780 have been made up and are to be discounted by the present Agent Mr Proctor — For regard to the Stoppages for the Sepoy mounting previous to that Year, the Select Committee are to obtain as correct as can be, an exact Account of what has been made up and afterwards give Orders thereon for paying the Deficiency in money instead of Stoppages"

Extract of GO 27th November 1786

Ordered by the commander in Chief in Council that the Rolls of the Sepoy Battalions for which Half mounting is adjudged to be due to the 9th Battalions by the above Committee, be given in as soon as possible to the Adjutant General with an Abstract of each Corps thereof that the Amount of the Stoppages for that Year may be immediately fixed thereon The Abstracts to be accurately kept agreeable to the Plans & general Form of Remarks, so that every Sepoy entitled to the Non-Commissioned Stoppages may receive them, there being strictly enjoined

And it appearing by the above General Order that the Rolls due to the Sepoy Battalions for the Year 1780 were made up in a ready to be discounted by Mr Proctor, as soon as Circumstances shall permit, from the Sepoys to whom Stoppages for that Year should strictly belong the Commanding Officers to Mr Proctor as soon as Stoppages have been fixed for them Agreeable to the above Orders we apprehend the Company's Non-Commissioned

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Extract of G.O. 27th November 1780.

"Ordered by the Commander in Chief in India that the Rolls of the Sepoy Battalions for which half mounting is adjudged to be due to the respective Battalions by the above Committee, be given in as soon as possible to the Adjutant General with an Abstract of each Rank how far drawn, that the amount of Stoppages for those Years may be immediately paid them. — The Absentees to be accounted for opposite to each Man's Name in a Column of Remarks, so that every Sepoy who is entitled to a reimbursement of Stoppages may receive them their Claims being properly authenticated."

And it appears by the above General Orders that the Rolls due to the Sepoy Battalions for the Year 1780, were made out and ready to be delivered by Mr Procter, Agreed that any non Commissioned Officers or Sepoys of the 9th Battn. to whom Rolls are due for that Year should apply to Mr Procter, who is certainly responsible for the same. Also agreeable to the above General Orders that any non Commissioned Officer, or Sepoy, who may have Claims for Rolls previous to the Year 1780 and who can produce Certificates properly authenticated by the Officer commanding the Company to which he belonged, countersigned and certified by the Commanding Officer of the Battalion, and the Paymaster for the time being, is entitled to receive his Arrears in money. But in the Papers before us we see no Authority for Captain Cooke to draw either for the Rolls for the Year 1780, or for the Arrears due previous to that period. —

Read the application of Mr Thomas Oakes Paymaster of Palamcotah for Arrears of Clothing due to the Tinnevelly Independents. —

John Chamier Esqr

Sir

I have the honor to inclose to you a Certificate for Clothing due to the Corps of Tinnevelly Independents, countersigned by the Military Paymaster General, and Sepoy Agent — The Comptroller General of Army Accounts informs me that an Order from the Honble Board is necessary to enable them Corps to Payment as it respects Demands for upwards of 12 Months, and that till then he cannot give the Certificate his signature allow me, therefore to request you will obtain from the Board the necessary Order —

I have the honor to be Sir,
your most obedient humble
T. Oakes Esqr Palam

22 August 1786. —

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This is to certify that the Corps of Pinnavelly Independents have Clothing or Off-reckonings due to them from 1st August 1782 to 31st October 1785 amounting to ₹ 7491. 2/- 12/ Seven Thousand four hundred and Ninety one Pagodas ~~twenty~~ seven Fanams and twelve Cowries which have been carried to the Credit of the Paymaster General in my Accounts Current from Sept. 1782 to January 1786.

T. Oakes Paymr Palam

Fort St. George 2d Augt 1786.

The above Sum of ₹ 7491. 27. 12 appears in the Accounts Current of the Paymaster at Palam which to have been regularly brought to the Credit of the Company in the Period above mentioned as Off-reckonings from the Pinnavelly Independents

Joseph Gascoyne
Dpy Mty Store Keepr

The Corps of Pinnavelly Independents have not received Clothing within the Period before mentioned

Jno Hengrave
Dpy Clothier Genl

Opinion of the Board upon Mr. Oakes Claim

Agreed

That as we conceive it to be only the Duty of the Paymaster of Palamcottah to make the regular Off-reckonings from the Corps and carry them to the Credit of the Company, we do not consider him as to make any Application for the Arrears of Clothing for those Corps, which if due, ought to come in the first instance from the Officer commanding them, and should therefore be stated in the same manner as recommended in the preceding Case of the 9th Battalion.

Read Lieut Colonel Pennes Letter to the Secretary Letter of this date

To Colonel Capper President
& Members of the Military Board

Col Pennes Letter to the Secretary by order of the Board

Gentlemen,

I was honored with a Letter from your Secretary under date the 21st Ulto in reply to one from me to the Commander in Chief, of the 2d of the same Month, desiring me to furnish you with a Copy of the original Order for raising the Companies of Lascars alluded to in that Letter

In the Year 1781 I was ordered to the southward to Command the

Military

Fort St. George Saturday 9th Sept. 1786

Proceedings at a Meeting of the Military Board

Present
Colonel James Capper Commissary Genl & President
Lieut. Colonel Malcolm - Adjutant Genl "
Lieut. Colonel Campbell - Quarter Master Genl "
Lieut. Colonel Sydenham - Commanding the Artillery

Absent
Lieut. Colonel Ross - Chief Engineer - On Duty
Lieut. Colonel Edmonstone - indisposed

Read the following Letter from Mr Secretary Chamier with Enclosures -

Military Department

To Colonel Capper
and to the Members of the
Military Board -

Gentlemen,

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor and Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter dated 1st Inst. and to desire you will report your Opinion upon the enclosed Papers -

An application made by Colonel Floyd for the Payment of a certain Number of Armourers &c as stated in the accompanying Extract of a Letter from the Commissary General to Government

Allowance of Armourers Half mounting due to the 1st Battalion of Sepoys as per Estimate, Cash from Cuddalore Drafts annexed

Application from the Paymaster at Palamcotah for Cloathing and Stores for the Corps of Pioneers Independants -

I am Gentlemen,
Your most obedient Servant
Signed Josias Chamier Secy

Fort St. George
6th September 1786

Read the Extract of the Commissary General's Letter to Government respecting Articles &c for the 23d Regt of Light Dragoons -

Extract of a Letter from the Commissary General - Dated 17th Augt 1786

"I have received an application from Colonel Floyd of His Majesty's

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23d Regiment of Dragoons for the payment of a certain Number of Men and Bellows-boys attached to that Corps – It has long been a Usuary for the Honble Company's Artificers to repair the Arms belonging to His Majestys Regiments, but as I know not by what Authority that regulation took place, nor by whose Orders any Men have lately been attached to the 23 Regiment of Dragoons, I beg leave to know whether such Artificers are in future to be allowed to the Kings Troops of their Arms are to be repaired by the Company, or if they are to be entirely exempt from this expence. –

Abstract Extract
(Signed) W.C. Jackson D.Sec.y

Opinion of the Board on Col Hope's Claim for an allowance for Artificers &c

As there is an Allowance made to the Captains or Officers commanding Troops or Companies in His Majestys Service for keeping their Arms in repair Agreed that no Artificers nor Armourers can be allowed at the Charge of the Company to the 23 Regiment of Light Dragoons or any other of His Majestys Regiments serving under this Presidency.

Half mounting Cloaths by Capt Crookes for the 2d Battalion of Sepoys

Examined the Abstracts of Arrears of Half mounting due to the 2d Battalion of Sepoys as appears by Captain Crookes Draft and in order to assist us in forming our Opinion Agreed to refer to the following General Orders

Extract of G.O. by Government 29th October 1716

"The President and Select Committee have also resolved that the Sepoys shall in future provide their own Horses for mounting, and no Stoppages whatever are to be made from them for that account The Captains of the several Battalions are to see that they furnish themselves annually w.th the Quantity mentioned in the Book of Regulations.

With respect to the Cloathing due to the Sepoy Battalions for the Year 1730 have been rendered and will be accounted for by the present Agent Mr Proctor In regard to the Claims for mounting Horses &c. this Year the Select Committee will enquire as soon as possible in what Account it has been made and afterwards give Directions for paying the Disbursements to the Sepoys in Money instead of Rice.

Extract

Fort St. George Saturday 26 August 1786

Proceedings at a Meeting of the Military Board

Present { Sir James Capper Commissary General President
Lieut Colonel Ross Chief Engineer
Lieut Colonel Sydenham Commanding the Artillery

Lieut General Sir John Dalling Bart &c &c &c
Lieut Colonel Edmonstone Commr & Secretary to the Board
Lieut Colonel Malcolm Adjutant General
Lieut Colonel Campbell Quarter Master General

The Board having met in order to form an arrangement for carrying into execution the Orders of the Honble President and Council respecting the completion of the Book of Regulations, but the Proceedings of the Committee not having been yet returned, Agreed that the Secretary be directed to wait on Mr Chamier, and report to him that the Orders of Government of the 10th instant to the Committee, are not yet complied with

Read the following Letter from Mr Secretary Chamier with Enclosures.

Military Department

To the Members of the Military Board.

Gentlemen

I am directed by the Honble President and Council to send you the accompanying Letter from the Commandant of Sunboor containing an Application from Mr Kincaid requesting to be reimbursed the Sum expended by him in building Quarters at Sunboor, and to desire you will report thereon

I am Gentlemen,
Your most obedient Servant
John Chamier Secy

Sunboor 2d August 1786

Lieut General Sir John Dalling Bart
Commander in Chief &c &c &c

Sir

The accompanying Letter received from Mr John Kincaid Acting Asst Surgeon while by the late Medical Establishment was removed to

Head

Fort St. [illegible] 16th August 1796.—

The Genl Hospital at Vellore.—

Mr Kincaid has desired that I will forward his Letter to you, and most humbly request that you will be pleased to lay the same before the Worshipful President and Council, and hope they will be pleased to order him to be reimbursed the Money he has expended in building his house and out offices at Amboor.

I have only to add, that I believe he has expended the Money he has charged for the Buildings, & it is a Quarter set for the Accommodation of any Officer that may be stationed at Amboor, and is built with the best Materials.

I have the honor to be with the greatest respect
Sir, Your most obedient humble Servant
Signed Robt. Sale.

Capt.n Sale

Sir,

Mr Kincaids demand for money expended by him in building Quarters at Amboor

Being since removed to the general Hospital at Vellore, I must request the favor of your making Application to Government for a reimbursement of the Expences incurred by me in building a Quarter for my self with Godown and Cookroom, and a Godown for the Medicines at Amboor, the Buildings not being completed, and therefore the expences not being ascertained was the reason why no Application was made for reimbursement at the time you sent in an Account of the expences for repairing the Quarters of the Officers.—

My Expence in Materials and Workmen amounted to upwards of 250 Pagodas I therefore request you will be pleased to forward my Claim of that Sum, to Government.—

I have the honor to be,
Sir, Your most obedient Servant
John Kincaid
2.d Batt.n Vellore Hospital

Vellore
19 August 1796.—

The Mil. Boards opinion of Mr Kincaids Claim

As we are ignorant of any authority by which Mr Kincaid had for building those Quarters, Agreed, therefore that his Cla... is inadmissible.

Agreed to adjourn to Saturday next.—

Fort St. George 14th September 1787

In the former of these your Worships Board was pleased to desire our opinion in an accompanying Extract of a Letter from Mr. Lowfield with an enclosure. We therefore proceeded to take into consideration the Subject therein contained — But being unacquainted with the Charter of the Worshipful Board on a former Application made by Captain Colebrooke in the Year 1780, for an Allowance similar to that now applied for by Captain Montgomery we can only observe, that we know no instance of any Commanding Officer being allowed full Batta at any Station on the Circar where there are a Chief and Council —

With respect to Brigade Major Liddle's application for full Batta on account of Stationary, as it is not authorized by the Custom of the Service, we conceive his Claim to be inadmissible

In obedience to the orders of your Worshipful Board regarding the Book of Regulations, we have agreed that a full Board shall be summoned on Saturday next to make the necessary Arrangements for completing this important Work as soon as the Committee for revising the Book of Regulations shall have delivered over to us the whole of their Proceedings.

And your Worshipful Board having been pleased to desire our Opinion on a Letter from Lieut. Colonel Tanner enclosed in Mr Secretary Shannon's Letter of the 16th we take the Liberty to recommend that the Payments be ordered to issue Monthly Money to the Lascars enlisted by Lieutenant Col. Tanner agreeable to the usage of the Garrison the Presidency & other Places —

And conceiving it necessary previous to a final decision on the Subject of Arrears of Clothing Claimed by the Lascars to be more particularly informed with respect to the original Orders for raising the three Companies alluded to in Lieut. Col. Tanners Letter, as well as the number still remaining who have preserved their Claims we have instructed our Secretary to address Lieut. Colonel Tanner on the subject and have deferred the further consideration of this part of the Letter until a future day —

Having resumed the consideration of Ensign Stevenson's Claim for Batta referred to us in Mr Secretary Shannon's Letter of the 3d of July and it not appearing by Ensign Stevenson's several Letters that he had the sanction of Government for Proceeding to Bombay, and the Circumstances on which he went Whether coming to relate entirely to himself — We are of Opinion that under these circumstances he is not authorized to draw the Allowance of Batta But as he was permitted to proceed on the

Voyage

Fort St. George — 19 September 1787 —

Voyage to Bombay by the orders of his own Commanding Officer, which
entitled him unconditionally to suppose himself authorised to draw the field
allowances, and as he was ignorant of the usages of the Service, we beg
leave to recommend that he be indulged with Pagoda money to, and
from Bombay, for which we consider him as amply indemnified by the
sum of Rupees 600 which he has already received from the Bombay Treasury.

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[illegible] the honor to be,
with the most respectful
Humble Sir Lord,
Your most obedient
humble Servants
Signed Jaine Cosper,
Patrick Ross,
Henry Malcolm
Wm Sydenham

Fort St George 19 August 1786

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Honble President & Council to send you the enclosed Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Turner, upon which they request your Opinion —

I have the honor to be,
Gentlemen,
Your most obedient Servant
John Chamier Secy

Fort St George
16 August 1786 —

To His Excellency Lieutenant General Sir John Dalling Bart
Commander in Chief &c &c &c —

Sir,

Some irregularity having occurred in Mr Digby's Accounts, late Paymaster to the Southern Army, relative to the usual Stoppages being made for Clothing for three Companies of Lascars raised during the late War and attached to the Artillery, I am induced to trouble your Excellency with the particulars of this Transaction, and to request upon Representation of it, should Amount your approval to the Honble Board —

It was thought expedient by the Commanding Officer of the Southern Army to encrease the Establishment of Lascars for the use of the Artillery, and Men were raised for that purpose, many of whom are at this Moment serving with the Corps. Being their immediate Commanding Officer at that time, the Men have urged me on the most pressing terms to represent their Grievance to your Excellency, as there is not the most distant hope of their recovering the Amount of three Years Clothing without the special Sanction of the Honble Board —

As the matter appears clearly to originate from a Neglect of Mr Digby's, I beg leave to annex a Copy of a Letter from that Gentleman to me on the Subject which I am to flatter myself will elucidate every part of this Transaction to your Excellencys Satisfaction —

I must request permission to remark to you that Mr Palk the Paymaster of the Cantonments peremptorily refused paying any Bounty to the Men who enlisted as Lascars into the Artillery, alth[ough] I am officially informed that at every other Station where Lascars are enlisted for the Artillery the usual Bounty granted & stoppage as allowed — As the measure previous to my completing the 2 Battn of Artillery with the Number of Lascars as directed in the late Order of Government, I conceive

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I am duly to acquaint you with the same —

I have the honor to be, &c, Your Excellency's most obed.t

humble Servant Edwd Tanner

Lt Colo Adjt Genl

Warriore

August 2d 1786 —

From Mr Degby to Lt Col Tanner

Extract of a Letter from Mr Degby / Colo Paymaster to the Southern Army / to Lieut Colo Tanner dated Madras 28th July 1786. —

"The indisposition of the Agent for Lascar Clothing prevented me "getting an explanation of the impediments upon Clothing matters "until this morning when I had a conversation with Lt Col Balfour "on the Subject who tells me he can only furnish Clothing to the Amount "of Stoppages that may come into his hands now those Stoppages for the "irregular Gun Lascars not having been made in my Books from the mode "of keeping only the nett Pay on a general Roll and the Commissioners not "conceiving to any Right of an augmentation at the close of the Year to the "amount of Stoppages for Clothing due those Lascars agreeable to the "Rolls I certified will be where else applied and I am not in opinion any "Office can take charge without an express Order from the Board"

Signed "R Degby"

Being moved to write to Col Tanner

Agreed That the Secretary write to Lieut Colo Tanner requesting a Copy of the Original Order for raising the three Companies of Lascars attached to his Battn with a List of the Names of the Persons still remaining who have Claims for Arrears of Clothing —

Agreed To recommend that the Paymaster be ordered to issue Monthly money to the Lascars enlisted by Colos Tanner agreeable to the usage of the Seamen at the Presidency and other places

Agreed That a Letter be written to Mr Gordon recommending compliance to the Proceedings of this Day

To the Honble Major General Sir Archibald Campbell Kt

President & Governor &c &c &c of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr Secy Chamiers Letters of the 5th 10th & 16th instant

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Agreed That being unacquainted on the Part of this Honble Board on a former Application made to them in the Year 1780, by Captain Colquhoun for an Allowance similar to that now applied for by Captain Montgomery, we can only observe that we know no instance of any Commanding Officers being allowed full Batta at any Station in the Field where there are a Chief & Council

With respect to Brigade Major Lettis's application for Batta on account of Stationary, as it is not authorized by the Customs of the Service we conceive it an innovation not advisable —

Read the following Letter from Mr Secretary Chamier —

Military Department

To Lieutenant General Sir John Dalling Bart —

President &c Members of the Military Board —

Gentlemen

I am directed by the Honble President & Council to inform you that they have thought it expedient to order the Committee for reviewing the Book of Regulations to deliver over to you the whole of their Proceedings of which you will be pleased to receive Charge, and bring to a conclusion this necessary work with as much expedition as possible

I have the honor to be,
Gentlemen,
Your most obedient Servant
(Signed) John Chamier

Fort St George
19th August 1786.

The President Colonel Capper moves, that a full Board be summoned on Saturday next, to consider on the most effectual mode of carrying the above Orders into execution as soon as the Committee for reviewing the Book of Regulations shall have delivered over to this Board the whole of their Proceedings — Resolved Accordingly

Read a Letter from Ensign Mouncer in Answer to the Secretary's Letter of the 30th Ulto

To Her Excellency Lieut Gen Sir John Dalling Bart
President & Members of the Military Board — Fort St George

Mr Mouncer's Letter to the Board

Honble Sir & Gentlemen,

I am honored with a Letter from your Secretary of the 30th Ulto directing me to inform your Honble Board of my proceedings in

Bombay

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Bombay was in consequence of an Order of Government through Colonel Gordon or any own requisition whether it was strictly in consequence of an order of Government through Col Gordon I cannot take upon me positively to say, as I am not certain that the Government knew any thing of the matter But this I can affirm, that it was in consequence of an Order publickly issued by Colonel Gordon, without which though my own inclination strongly led me with most of / I neither should or could have proceeded to Bombay —

No requisition / I believe / was made on my part, till after the Order was issued, and then only for the Gentlemen whom I wished might accompany me — Beg leave to add, that my passages to, and from Bombay cost me fifteen hundred Rupees, and humbly submit to Your Honble Board, whether the indulgence (under such Circumstances) I am unreasonable one. —

I have the honor to be &c &c
with the highest respect
Honble Sirs Gentlemen
Your most humble & obedt Servant
[illegible]

Arcot
August 3d 1786.

Mr Brandyfield
Ld Mountstuart
Claim

I must also observe to Your Honours in general Letters that the Ld the Sanction of Government for proceeding to Bombay and the Conveyance on which he went Whether receiving it or Late entirely to himself The Rules of Service that under those Circumstances he was not authorized to draw the Allowance of Batta tho he was necessarily to proceed on the Voyage to Bombay by the Orders of the Commander in Chief which induced him erroneously to suppose himself entitled to draw Field Allowances as the usual Conveyance of the Troops of the Service we beg leave to recommend that he be indulged with a Passage Money to and from Bombay for which he considers him as amply indemnified by the sum of Rupees 600 which he has already received from the Bombay Govt

Read Letter from Mr Secretary Chamier with Letter from Mr Secretary [illegible]

To Lieutenant General Sir John Dalrymple Bart
President & Members of the Military Board

Your Honours

Fort St. George Saturday 19th August 1796

Proceedings at a Meeting of the Military Board

Present
- Colonel James Capper Commissary General — President
- Lieut. Colonel Ross — Chief Engineer
- Lieut. Colonel Malcolm Acquitant General
- Lieut. Colonel Sydenham Senior Officer of Artillery

Absent
- Lieut. General Sir John Dalling Bart. Commander in Chief &c &c &c
- Lieut. Colonel Pedingstoun, Commanding the Troops at the Presy
- Lieut. Colonel Campbell, Quarter Master General

Read the following Letter from Mr Secretary Chamier with Enclosures

Military Department

To Lieutenant General Sir John Dalling Bart
President &c Members of the
Military Board

Gentlemen

I am directed by the Honble President and Council to send you the accompanying Extract of a Letter from Masulipatam with the Enclosure alluded to therein & to request your opinion on the same —

I have the honor to be, Gentlemen

Your most obedient Servant
Signed/ John Chamier Secy

Fort St George
19th August 1796

Extract of a Letter from Masulipatam 27th July 1796

Lieutenant Colonel Chefstyre lately forwarded a Letter to me from the Assistant to the Commissary Stationed at Ellore, for the Brigade Major to the 4th Brigade which Officer represents the expence he has incurred for twelve months past in procuring Stationary and circulating the General Orders to the different Garrisons on the Division, and for also having procured Stationary for all the Returns &c on the Establishment of Ellore, for neither of which he receives any Allowance and which he conceives to be entirely distinct from his duty as Brigade Major to the 4th Brigade He applies therefore for an Allowance of Full Batta as an equivalent for the expences incurred by him as above mentioned, and Colonel Chefstyre in forwarding

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"This Application to us, recommends it being complied with, but as we do not consider ourselves authorized to admit of such Applications, "without your Permission, we request to be honored with your direction

Capt Montg[o]s Claim for Balls "thereon. "We have also received an Application from Captain Hugh Montgomery, who is at Present the Senior officer of the Troops in the Garrison, in consequence of the Expence incident to that Situation and his not having the same indulgencies which are enjoyed by the Officers commanding the other Garrisons in the District, wherein full Ballot is allowed a Copy of which Application we have the honor herewith to enclose, and request your Orders concerning it. An Application similar to the present one from Captain Montgomery, was made to the Chief and Council the Year 1780 by Captain Cheseyres, who was then the Senior Officer in the Garrison, and forwarded by them to the select Committee — but it does not appear that any Answer has been received to the Board's Letter wherein they recommended Captain Cheseyres Application to the favorable notice of the select Committee "

Have Extract
(Signed) Wm Jackson D.S.

Capt Montgomerys Claim for full Ballot as Commanding Officer at Mackinaw

To Charles Stuart Esqr
Chief & Council of
Mackinaw

Gentlemen,

I do myself the honor to address you, wherein I beg leave to represent the peculiar hardships that are labored under by the Commanding Officer of the Garrison, and which I, on a former occasion, experienced for a long time, hoping from your mature deliberation thereon that you will endeavour to procure such Alteration to be made in the Mandate, as to render the Station on a footing as the other Posts — of every public office held under the Superintendent & Commanding Officer, him only are exempt from any drawback from it, all the Necessaries such as are in a peculiar Manner to procure it, having many additional Expences incurred, that are unavoidably connected to his Station, many of which are by no means necessary in cases of others where there are the allowances full Ballot annexed, and other Contingencies, I have therefore to request Gentlemen that you will be pleased to consult on what I have taken the liberty to offer for your consideration, and of the results favorable, take such measures as may be conducive to accommodate the reduction to an equal System — I have the honor to be, Gentlemen, with great respect

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Your most obedient Servant
Signed Hu Montgomery

A true Copy
Signed Wm Jackson D.S.

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predicament I returned to Calcutta, and have since taken such steps as would now in the most extremely prejudicial to any Officer of Rank to be obliged to return — I therefore hope the honble Board will grant me permission to remain &c. on half pay for three Years, or a shorter time should my Services be required. —

I am with the utmost respect
Honble Sir, & Sirs,
Your most obedient humble Servt
(Signd) J Buckley Ensn

Calcutta
1 June 1786

Agreed That Ensign Buckley being no longer a Supernumerary, we presume that as his Services are required, he will be recalled from Bengal to join his Corps —

Agreed That a Letter be written and Addressed to the Honble President and Council reporting our Opinion on the above Subject —

To the Honble Major Genl Sir Archibald Campbell KB
Governor and President &c
Council of Fort St. George

Honble Sir, & Sirs,

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr Secretary Chamiers Letters of the 23 and 27th Inst — In the — — jurisdiction of these your Honble Board was pleased to desire us to state our Sentiments on an enclosed Extract of a Letter from Messrs Hastings We therefore immediately proceeded to examine the different Subjects therein contained On enquiry we find that the Pouches for the Spare Battalions for some Years past have been delivered Gratis from the Stores, and afterwards Repaid by the Corps to which they were issued The present Claims of Captains Goudie & Mead appear to us inadmissible, as the Custom of the Service does not authorize any extra charges for that purpose — With respect to Stationary we beg leave to observe that it has been usual to allow the Adjutant of each Corps 20 Fanams p Month but no allowance under that Head has ever been given to Officers commanding Battalions — In regard of Drum and Fife Majors we find that of Europeans

they

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They formerly received Pags 5, and of Natives Pags 3,31 40 p Month - The Black Doctors have hitherto been enrolled and paid as Sepoys - meaning a small additional Allowance by Hyphoge from the Native Officers and Sepoys of the Corps to which they belonged, but this Part of the new Regulations has not yet been arranged.

In obedience to your Order we have considered the requisition of Ensign Buckley enclosed in your Secretary's Letter of the 22d Inst. - As he is no longer a Supernumerary and has Seniority are required on this Establishment we presume that he will of course be recalled from Bengal to do duty with his Corps -

We have the Honor to be,
With the greatest Respect
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient humble Servants

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Signed James Gaspion
Patrick Ross
James Pringle Lawson
Henry Nicholson
William Byde Pearson

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Extract of a Letter from Masulipatam the 10th July 1786

Masulipatam Extract of a Letter therefrom

"We have lately received a Letter from Captain Gowdie
"and Major commanding the 2d and 17th Battalions of Sepoys when
"they inform us of the Advantage which Sepoy Accoutrements derive
"from Blacking, and that it was a practice to the Southward, either
"for the Storekeepers to deliver them out Blackened or for an Allowance
"of 25 Pagodas to be made for that purpose, but as no such Practice subsists
"on this Coast and we are unacquainted with any Authority for the
"Allowance those Gentlemen have applied for, we request to be honored with
"your Commands on this Subject — The same Officers having likewise
"applied to us for the payment of ½ Pagoda pr Month for Stationary
"which they inform us is uniformly drawn for by all Officers commanding
"Sepoy Corps to the Southward, the not hitherto allowed in this
"District we request to be honored with your directions regarding it
"By the General Orders of the 16th March we observe, that in the present
"Establishment of a Sepoy Battalion, a Drum and Fife Major as well
"as a Black Doctor are included, but as the same Order does not point out
"what additional Pay they are to receive and as the Pay master on the
"Coast has made an Application to us on this Subject, we request to be
"favored with your Commands thereon —

A true Extract,
(Signed) Alex. Jackson Secy

(Agreed.) That as on enquiry we find that for some years past the Pouches
for the Sepoy Battalions have been Blackened in the Stores previous to their
Delivery, and Allowances kept in order by the Corps to which they were issued, the
Claims of the Officers mentioned in the Extract appear to be reasonable
the Custom of the Service not authorizing any extra Allowance for that purpose

With respect to Stationary we observe that it has been usual
to allow 2½ Fanams pr Month to the Adjutant of each Corps but no allow-
ance whatever under that head has ever been given to Officers commanding Battalions

In regard to the Drum and Fife Major we find that they formerly
received a Monthly Pay of 5 Pags pr Company & Pag 3,31,40 of Native Fee Black
Doctors have hitherto been enrolled and paid as Privates receiving a small
additional Allowance by Subscription from the Native Officers & Sepoys of the Corps to which
they belonged but the head of this new Regulations has not yet been Arranged

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Read a Letter from Mr Secretary Chamier enclosing an application from Ensign Buckley. —

Mr Chamier's Letter

Military Department

To Lieutenant General Sir John Dalling Bart. President
Colonel Capper.
Lieutenant Colonel Rose
Lieutenant Colonel Pendergrass
Lieutenant Colonel Malcolm,
Lieutenant Colonel Campbell.
& Lieutenant Colonel Sydenham,
Members of the Military Board. - - -

Gentlemen,

Ensign Buckley has made application to the Hon'ble the President and Council for permission to remain on Bengal three Years and for the same indulgence that have been granted to officers returning to Europe, of half pay during their absence — The Board desire you will be pleased to report your Opinion upon the propriety of Ensign Buckley's Request a Copy of whose Letter I am directed to enclose

I am, Gentlemen,
Your most obedient humble Servant
Signed/ John Chamier Secy

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29th July 1786.

Read a Copy of a Letter from Ens[n] Buckley to the Hon'ble President &c[a]

Ens[n] Buckley that allowance of half Pay.

To Sir Archibald Campbell Knight of the Bath
President &c
Council of Fort St. George

Hon'ble Sir, & Sirs,

Having obtained the Hon'ble the Governor and Councils permission to proceed to Bengal for the recovery of my health I came here in February last for that purpose, and on Your Ironmonger on the Ship Tyger bound to Madras, in order to join my Corps but receiving by the Late Gazette published in the Madras Courier, that all Supernumerary Officers were placed on half pay and conceiving myself in that

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In Answer to the 2d Query whether I did duty in the Garrison or was detached on any other Service, I beg leave to observe that I never did duty or was detached — I arrived at Bombay the 5th of May, and the business which I went there upon was not concluded till August after which Period I had no Opportunity of returning to Madras till the ensuing Spring. Then I embarked the earliest Opportunity in any Ships —

In Answer to the 3d Query whether private business existed in that the cause of my remaining on the Malabar Coast, I beg leave to observe that it was not in any respect the Cause of my remaining a single day. In consequence of Vague reports of my being appointed to the 36th Regiment, I applied in August 1785 to Sir John Burgoyne or Commander in Chief at Madras in case those reports were true, for permission to remain at Bombay till my Claims on that Government should be regulated But I never received any Answer to my Application or any official Notification of my appointment, and came round to Madras finally merely in consequence of being informed by Capt Ralfe Stone Paymaster of the 100th Regiment I was appointed to the 52 and that Orders had been sent home that the Adjutant General to open my Regiment leaving my private Claims in the same unsettled State as they were at the time I applied for leave of Absence —

In answer to the 4th Query whether the sum of 1250 Rupees which I received was expressly on Account of Batta, I observe that the Government of Bombay in no respect accounted with me for any Part of my Pay or other Allowances, as the accompanying Letter will shew — In consequence of my having considerable Claims on their Treasury I applied for a small Advance of Cash, which was ordered me without giving me the smallest hint that I was to account for it with the Government of Madras, as will appear from the accompanying Letter No 3 Though contrary to my expectations when I applied, I afterwards found I was to account with the Government of Madras for it

I was under the necessity of taking it on any Terms in order to enable me to join my Regiment —

In Answer to the 5th and last Query whether any Allowances were ever made on my Account, to the Commanders of the Ships on which I took my passage to and from Bombay — I have only to

I have

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assure your Honble Board that none of any kind ever were that I went and returned in private Ships at my own expence and that at cost me more than my whole Pay & Batta during my absence — Under these Circumstances I humbly conceived that I had a fair Claim to the indulgence solicited, and that in making it I asked nothing but what the Nature & usage of the service admits. — I was allowed Batta by the Government in 1782 for coming round from the Malabar Coast at my own Expence, with Letters for Sir Eyre Coote, then Commander in Chief, although I was not ordered round and my business so much more of a private nature than my going to Bombay — Relying on the justice of my Claim for this I forbear to enumerate the many Instances of hardship attending my relegation, in being obliged to go to Bombay in consequence of a cruel and unjust attack made upon my Character, at a time when I was not only unable to meet the Charge, but languishing under all the horrors of imprisonment, and dragging out a miserable existence upon rice and water

I have the honor to be,
Honble Sir, Gentlemen
Your most obt humble Servant
Sylvester Morrison

Arcot,
26th July 1786.—

Ens.n 52d Regt.

Being ordered to write a second time to C. Morrison

Agreed.

That a Letter be written by the Secretary to Ensign Morrison requesting to know whether his proceeding to Bombay was in consequence of an Order of Government through Colonel Gordon, or at his own requisition.

Read a Letter from Mr Secretary Chamier with an enclosure

Military Department

To Lieutenant-General Sir John Dalling Bart
President & Members of the Military Board.

Letter from Mr Chamier

Gent.n,

I am directed by the Honble President and Council to send you the accompanying Extract of a Letter from Masulipatam and to desire you will be pleased to state your Sentiments thereon.

I have the honor to be,
Gent.n,
Your most obedient humble Servant
Signed John Chamier Secry

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Orders contained in the fore mentioned Extract, only point out the rate of Exchange and the manner in which the Money is to be drawn for by Bills upon England

How the Contingencies appear to come under the Head of Regimental Charges and of course to be included in the Sum of four Lacks of Current Rupees paid by the Company for each Regiment of 1000 Men. We are formally the Custom of the Paymasters of His Majesty's Regiments to send home their Contingent Accounts to their respective Regimental Agents, and therefore until it be known what Regulations have been finally settled between the Paymaster General, the Secretary at War, and the Court of Directors, we apprehend that no material inconvenience can arise from a Continuance of the same practice. Besides by this Mode the propriety of the Charges, as well as by whom they should be paid, can be positively ascertained.

We have the Honor to be,
with the greatest respect,
Honble Sir, & Sirs,
Your most obedient humble Servants

(Signed) James Capper
Patrick Ross
John Reynolds
James Edwingtown
Henry Malcolm

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Proceedings at a Meeting of the Military Board

Present { Colonel James Capper - Commissary General President
Lieut Colonel Ross Chief Engineer
Lieut Colonel Malcolm Adjutant General
Lieut Colonel Sydenham Surveyor of Military

Absent { Lieut Gen Sir John Dalling Bart Commander in Chief &c &c &c
Lieut Colonel Edmonstone Commissary of the Forces and the Ordnance
Lieut Colonel Campbell Quarter Master General

Read the following Letter from Ensign Maurenson in Answer to Mr Sellers order to be written by the Secretary —

Ens^n Maurenson's Letter to the M. Board

To His Excellency Lieut General Sir John Dalling Bart
President &c Members of the Military Board

Honble Sir, & Gentlemen,

I am honored with a Letter from your Secretary of the 17th instant and in Answer to the Explanations required by your Honble Board, relative to my Claims for Batta while detached at Bombay I have the honor to inform you that I was ordered round to Bombay January 1795 by Col Gordon at that time commanding the Honble Coys Troops in Bengal together with a number of Officers and Men whom applied for as Evidences on a Court Martial which I was ordered on demand in consequence of a Public Letter from the Presidency of Bombay to the Honble Court of Directors marking a Disapprobation of my conduct relative to the Evacuation of a Post which I commanded a Copy of that order I shall do myself the honor of transmitting to your Honble Board the Honourable Company's Orderly Book which contains from Madras) But the destination of the Admiral Sir Edward Hughes Ship on which I was ordered to conduct being changed I was ordered by the Deputy Paymaster General to proceed to Bombay on a Private Ship without any of the Evidences whom I had applied for

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Fort St. George 22 July 1786.

Read Consult & Consider the Instructions Claimed by Majr Campbell

On a careful perusal of the orders contained in the Extract of the General Letter from the Court of Directors, we cannot send any Instructions from home respecting the Payment of the Contingencies demanded by the Paymasters of the Majesty's Regiments — For Para[s] 39 et seq[s] set forth that the Subsistence of the Majesty's Forces at this Settlement, shall be provided for, and regularly paid to the Order of the Officer commanding each respective Regiment, and that the remainder of allowances be paid by the Company according to such regulation as shall be settled between the Paymaster General, the Secretary at War, and the Court of Directors — If any such regulations have been made we presume they have not been transmitted from home. The subsequent Orders contained in the above mentioned Extract, only point out the rate of Exchange, and the manner in which the Money is to be drawn for by Bills upon England. —

— As the Contingencies appear to come under the head of Regimental Charges, and to be of course included in the sum of Two Lacks of Rupees paid by the Company for each Regiment of 1000 men, & as we formerly the Custom of the Paymasters of His Majesty's Regiments to send home their Contingent Accounts to their respective Regimental Agents we therefore wish to be known what Regulations have been finally settled between the Paymaster General, the Secretary at War and the Court of Directors on this Subject, we apprehend no material inconvenience can arise from a continuance of the same practice Besides by this Mode the propriety of the charges, as well as by whom they should be paid can be satisfactorily ascertained

Agreed —

That a Letter containing the Proceedings of the Day be written and addressed to the Honble President and Council —

To The Honble Major General Sir Archibald Campbell KB President and Governor & Council of Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs,

We have had the honor to receive Mr Chamiers Letters of the 6th and 11 Instant, the latter inclosing a Claim of Captain Brown for Arrears due to the 1st Madras Battalion under the Command together with his Correspondence on that Subject with [illegible]

Agent

Fort St George - 22 July 1786.

Mess^rs Digby and Falk —

In order to assist us in forming our Opinion thereon, M^r Digby was requested to attend the Board and acknowledged the Account of Capt^n Brown as appears on the Correspondence N^o 1 to be perfectly just and accurate. He also informed us, that the Meeting on the Island of Seringam had obliged him to appropriate the Money received for the Payment of Captain Brown's Charges to the purpose of satisfying the Mutineers on which he had the Acquiescence of General Abercrombie — That although he has applied by Letter to Government for Cash, his Application remains unanswered and not having funds in his own hands, he could only give the Company Credit for the Money so found in his Account with M^r Falk — He also delivered in an Account of Arrears of the same Nature, due to other Battalions accompanied by a Letter to M^r Falk, dated 29^th May 1786 — which we have the honor to enclose.

Upon the above information, as well as from what we could collect from the Correspondence, we beg leave to recommend to your Honble Board to order the Payment of the Arrears due to the 1^st Madras Battalion But as the Claims of the other Corps have not been regularly and officially brought before us we cannot pretend to form any Opinion upon them —

Having resumed the Consideration of your Sundays Letter of the 6^th ultimo, respecting the Contingencies of His Majesty's Regiments serving in India, we have the honor to enclose a further statement of the Difference between the Sums Total in the Original and Copies of the Contingent Accounts of the 52^d and 73^d Regiments of Foot.

On a careful perusal and examination of the Orders contained in the Extract of a General Letter from the Court of Directors furnished us by M^r Secretary Chamier, we cannot find any Instructions therein regarding the Contingencies demanded by the Paymasters of the Kings Regiments. In Para 39 it is set forth, that the Subsistence of the Majesty Forces at the Settlement shall be provided for and regularly paid to the Order of the Officer commanding each respective Regiment and that the remainder of Allowances be paid by the Company, according to such Regulations as shall be settled between the Paymaster General the Secretary at War and the Court of Directors. If any such Regulations have been made we presume they have not been transmitted from England The Subsequent

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to send you the accompanying Letter and Enclosure from Captain Brown respecting the Arrears due to the 1st Battalion of Sepoys, and to desire you will be pleased to report your Opinion thereon

I have the honor to be,
Gentlemen,
Your most obedient Servt
(Signed) John Chamier Secy

Fort St George
11 July 1786

Read a Letter from Captain Brown to the Honble President & Council,

To the Honble Major General Sir Archibald Campbell KB
President and Governor &c Council of Fort St George

Honble Sirs,

I very much regret that the present unprovided State of Arrears due to Men of the 1st Madras Battalion for the Months of October November and December 1783, should lay me under the necessity of troubling you with this address —

By my Letter to the Paymasters Messrs Digby & Pelle with their Answer enclosed to which I beg leave to refer Your Honors it will appear that I have not had recourse to the present application until I had patiently endeavoured to Accommodate the matter through the means of these Gentlemen, whose last Communications seem to render representation on my part an indispensable duty —

I have the honor to be
with great respect
Honble Sirs
Your very obedient Servt
Archd Brown
Capt 1st Mad Batt

Fort St George
31st May 1786

Vide Correspondence between Captn Brown & Messrs Digby & Pelle —

Mr Digby having been requested to attend, acknowledges the Account of Captn Brown as appears in the Correspondence to be perfectly just and accurate He informed us that the assembling of the Troops on the Island of Seringam had obliged him to appropriate the Money — remitted for the Payment of Captn Brown's Charges to the purpose of subsisting the

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The Mistresses, with the acquiescence of General Harris & that although he applied by Letter to Government for Cash his application remains unanswered and not having funds in his own hands, he could only give the Company Credit for the Money so found on his Account with Mr Falk. He also delivers in an Account of Arrears due to other Battalions accompanied with a Letter to Mr Falk — 29th May 1786 — (vide Letter and Account)

Agreed

That in the information received, it be recommended to the Hon.ble President, in Council, to order the payment of the Arrears due to the 1st Battalion — but as the Claims of the other Corps have not come regularly & officially before us, we cannot pretend to form any opinion upon them —

As upon enquiry it appears that Captain Masson is not now at the Presidency — Agreed — that a Letter be written to him by the Secretary containing the necessary Directions in order to save this Gentleman the trouble and expence of coming to Madras. —

Further Consideration of Contingencies for 8th May Troops

Resumed the further Consideration of Mr Sadler's Letter from Mr Secretary Chamier of the 6th June requesting the Examination of the King's Regimental Accounts in India —

Read a Statement of the Difference between the Sums total in the Original and Copies of the Contingent Bills of the 52d Majesty's 52d and 73d Regiments of Foot

52d

From	To	Days	Amount of Bills			Total Amount of Bills			Total Difference		
25 Dec. 82	24 June	183	£ 24	10	-	£ 37	10	-	£	-	-
25 June	24 Dec.	183	24	10	-	48	9	-		2	19
25 Dec. 83	24 June	84	20	-		40	16	-		20	16
25 June	24 Dec.	84	17	5		33	5	-		40	16
25 Dec. 84	24 June	85	19	5	-	64	14	-		45	11	-
25 June	24 Dec.	85	24	16	-	34	16			11	-	-
25 Dec. 85	24 June	86	13	6	-	43	6			10	-	
						Total Difference			£	174	2	-

73d

From	To	Days	Amount of Bills			Total Amount of Bills			Total Difference		
25 June	24 Dec.	82	£ 24	16	11	£ 24	16	11	£	-	-
25 Dec. 82	24 June	83	80	3	6	100	3	6		75	
25 June	24 Dec.	83	56	6	6	71	6	6		-	-
25 Dec. 84	24 June	85	44	6	-	61	6	-		6	-
25 June	24 Dec.	85	51	7	-	71	7	-		6	-
						Total Diff.			£	88	-

Head Quarters — 8th July 1786 —

... Light Dragoons and 36th Regiment of Foot, which appearing to ... we have applied to Mr Secretary Chamier for the Originals and upon comparing the Copies with them, we find them essentially different. As it may be necessary for your Honble Board to ascertain the reasons why any hereafter this difference arises, we therefore immediately report to you the progress we have made in the Examination and Comparison of these Accounts, which, with our Statement of the difference we have ... the honor to enclose.

... Our next Meeting we hope to conclude this Task and transmit to your Honble Board our final Report thereon together with our Sentiments on such Contingent Charges as we shall humbly apprehend should be allowed to His Majesty's Regiments ... in India.

We have the honor to be,
with the most perfect Respect,
Honble Sir & Sirs,
Your most obedient and
Most humble Servants

(Signed) John Dalling
James Capper
Patrick Ross
John Reynardt
James Edenstone
Henry Malcolm

Fort St. George
8th July 1786

Statement of the Difference in the Sum Total between the Originals and Copies of the Contingent Accounts of His Majesty's 23d Regt of Dragoons & 36th Regt of Foot

23d Regt of Dragoons

		Originals			Copies			Difference		
From	1st March to 24th June 83	Sum Total £20	17	5	Sum Total £36	2	5	Sum Total £15	5	-
	25th June to 24th Dec 83	18	5	5	38	5	5	20	"	"
	25th Dec 83 to 24th June 84	18	5	5	38	5	5	20	"	"
	25th June to 24th Dec 84	18	5	5	31	7	9	13	2	4
	25th Dec 84 to 24th June 85	18	5	5	32	6	"	14	"	7
	25th June to 24th Dec 85	26	9	5	66	9	5	40	"	
	25th Dec 85 to 24th June 86	24	11	10	54	13	2	30	"	4
								The Differ. £192	8	3

36th Regiment of Foot

From	1st March to 24th Dec 83	£32	16	6	£52	16	6	£20	"	"
	25th Dec 83 to 24th June 84	30	10	"	76	15	"	46	5	"
	25th June 84 to 24th Dec 84	22	16	"	42	16	"	20	"	"
	25th Dec 84 to 24th June 85	20	6	"	54	6	"	34	"	"
	25th June to 24th Dec 85	23	4	"	33	4	"	10		
								Total Differ. £130	5	"

Fort St. George. 22 July 1786.—

Proceedings at a Meeting of the Military Board

Present { Colonel James Capper—Commissary General—President
Lieut Colonel Edinglaim Commanding the Troops at the Presy.
Lieut Colonel Malcolm—Adjutant General

Absent { Lieut General Sir John Dalling Commander in Chief &c &c &c
Lieut Colonel Ross—Chief Engineer
Lieut Colonel Reynell—Commandant of Artillery
Lieut Colonel Campbell—Quarter Master General

Read a Letter from Mr Secretary Chamier—
Military Department

Letter from Mr Secy Chamier

To Lieutenant General Sir John Dalling Bart
President &c Members of the Military Board

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Honble the President & Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letters dated the 10th and 20th Ultimo.

Appointment of Mr Secy Wilks

and to inform you that they acquiesce in the proposed appointment of Mr Wilks to be Deputy Secretary to your Board and have resolved that he be allowed Pagodas 50 ₰ Month from the 1st Instant.—

The President and Council have also fixed the Salary of Lieutenant Stuart at the rate of Pagodas 100 to Commence from the 21st April last.—

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen,
Your most obedient humble Servant
Signed John. Chamier Secy

Fort St George
22 July 1786.

Read a Letter from Mr Secretary Chamier enclosing Letters & Correspondence from Captain Brown.—
Military Department

Letter from Mr Secy Chamier

To Lieutenant General Sir John Dalling Bart
President &c Members of the Military Board

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Honble President & Council

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Read a Letter from W. Secretary Chamier with Enclosures —

Military Department —

to Lieutenant General Sir John Dalling Bart —

President &c — Members of the Military Board

Gentlemen

I am directed by the Honble the President and Council to send you the accompanying Letter and Enclosure from Lieut Morrison requesting Leave for Batta while on Duty at Bombay, and to desire you will be pleased to report your Opinion thereon.

I have the honor to be,

Gentlemen,

Your most obedient Servant

John Chamier Secy

Fort St George
3 July 1786.

Read the following Letter from Ensign Morrison to the Honble the President and Council

To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K B President and Members of the Select Committee. Fort St George. — —

Honble Sir & Gentlemen,

Having been ordered round to Bombay from Calcutta in January 1785 with other Officers of the 100th Regiment and on my arrival there that Ship had been appointed from Home to the 52d Regiment I have been unavoidably detained till the 18th of April 1786 without receiving any Allowance of any kind except Rupees 600 which I have given the Agent for the Company Cadets for in the Account which I have the Honor to inclose.

The Commissary informing me that he cannot pay me Batta without an Order from your Honble Board, I am therefore under the necessity of requesting the usual Indulgence allowed to all Officers absenting themselves from the Establishment to which they belong and hope that my request will not be deemed an unreasonable one when your Honble Board shall consider that by going to Bombay & returning in private Ships I have necessarily incurred a greater Expence than the whole of my Pay & Batta amounts to

I have the Honor to be with the highest respect

Honble Sir & Gentlemen,

Your most obedt humble Servant

Signed J Morrison Ens 52 Regt

16 June 1786

Head Quarters 1st July 1786

Fort St George 25th June 1786

The Honble Company . . . . . Dr

Jenny Batta from the 25th June 1785 to the 30th May 86 being on duty at Bombay and not having received any Batta for that time. . . . . } P. A. C. 272.18.0

Deduct Bombay Rupees 600 received on account at 2.3¼ p Rupee, a sum Pagoda . . . . . } 171.39.30

Pag.s 100.23.50

To John Turing Esqr
Paymaster Genl —

Sylvestre Munson
Ens.n 52d Regt

Agreed That a Letter be written by the Secretary to Ensign Munson desiring his Attendance at the next Meeting of the Board to explain some parts of his Letter and Account —

For the Consideration upon the Cont.t Accots of the 23d Regt of Dr. & 36th Regt of Foot

Examined the Copies of the Contingent Accounts of His Majesty's 23d Regt of Light Dragoons and 36th Regiment of Foot, which appearing to us enormous we applied to Mr Secretary Chamier for the Originals upon comparing the Copies with the Originals we found them essentially different As it may be necessary for Government to ascertain without delay whence this Difference arises we thereupon report the Progress we have made in the Examination & Comparison of these Accounts which we hope to finish and report upon at our next Meeting, together with our Sentiments upon the Contingent Charges to be allowed to His Majesty's Regiments in India. —

Agreed — That a Letter be written to the Honble President & Council on the above Subject accompanied by the Originals and Copies of the Contingent Accounts of the 23d Light Dragoons & 36th Regt of Foot, together with our Statement of the Difference —

To the Honble Major Genl Sir Archibald Campbell K.B
Governor President & Council of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs,

In obedience to your Orders of the 4th Inst we have examined the Copies of the Contingent of His Majesty's 23d Regt

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Head Quarters 8 July 1786

Proceedings of a Board of Officers held in Madura June 26th Same Inst. to investigate the Claims of the Native Commissioned Officers of

Capt.n Read
Lieut.t M.c Arthur
Lieut.t Gowes
} Members

The Board proceed to examine each Individual with such corroborating Corps at the time of Reduction, and their Claims to be continued in

Seniority	Names	Rank	When appointed to the Company's Service	Appointed in the Company's Service	Rank held in the Nabob's Service
1.	Mantee Naig	Jemidar	1st July 1782	Capt.n Gibbings	Jemidar
	Rama Swamy	do	do do	do	do
	Rub Cawn	do	do do	do	do
	Shaik Ahmed	do	do do	do	do
2	Gunnedy	Subidar	do do	do	Subidar
	Cricumaddy	Jemedar	do do	do	Havildar
	Mura Cawn	do	do do	do	Jemidar
	Thee Seng	do	do do	do	do
	Bondee	do	2d April 1784	Lieut Livingston	
3	Shaik Mydeen	Subidar	1st July 1782	Capt.n Gibbings	Subidar
	Shaik Fareed	Jemedar	do do	do	Jemidar
	Mahomed Yusuph	do	do do	do	do
	Sir Cawn	do	do do	do	do
	Cawder Cawn	do	do do	do	Havildar
4	Pedder Seng	Subidar	do do	do	Subidar
	Shaik Moortuzah	Jemedar	do do	do	Jemidar
	Tagge Seng	do	do do	do	do
	Shaik Emam	do	do do	do	do
5	Jay Seng	Subidar	1st April 1783	do	Subidar
	Shaik Medeen	Jemidar	do do	do	Jemidar
	Comar Seng	do	do do	do	
	Abdul Cawder	do	do do	do	
	Shaik Mattar	do	1st April 1784	Lieut Livingston	
173	Shaik Mahomed	Subidar	January 1784	Capt.n Gibbings	Subidar 35 Years

1786. by Order of Capt.n Mr.e Kent agreeable to the Orders of Brig.r Genl Abercr.e the 2.d of the late Independants on this Establishment for being continued on the Company's Service.

President
Lieut.t Dodds
Lieut.t Balfour

Proofs as they could adduce from the Information of Lieut.t Livingston we recommended the the Honble Company's Service as follows.

On what Account appointed on the Company's Service. —

} Taken from the Nabobs Service for raising a Company consisting of 160 Men.

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Promoted by Lieut.t Livingston on Account of his Merit in the room of Lieut.t Hepburn just deceased

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} Taken from the Nabobs Service
recruited from a Havildar in the Company's Service
From the 1.st Battalion
On Account of his Merit
was taken Prisoner at Vellumpetlah the 3.d 2.d Years on Board of Dordegul was recommended when 2.d Lieut.t
recommended by Col.o Lang & recommended by Lieut.t Col.o Gillings, who appointed him 1.st Lieut.t in the Nabobs Independants

} For raising a Company of 160 Men

Signed, Andr.w Read
Capt.n Commd.t

Names of the Claimants	Rank held at the Board	Ground when Rank Corps	From what Corps	Age	Time	Character, Claims & Merit	Opinion of the Board
Hd Kam	1780	Jemadar	Jemadar	Hebdo Sawer	Tuticoreply Independant	33 3/12 yrs	We may be assured that Nothing [illegible] before he obtained the Rank of Jemadar in Governments Battalion that he served in that Rank 6 years, that after the retreat of his Battalion from Wareen Pollam with Capt. John Allen, it was ordered to Tuticoreply, and from thence to Tanjore, from whence they were obliged to retreat before Tippoo Sultaun Force, after which Period such of them as were sent were taken into the Company's Service.	Hd Board recommend this Man to be extended with 1786 his Rank for field Service

(Signed) Robt Kelly Comb-Genl

Agreed,

That a Letter be written by the Secretary to Colonel Kelly requesting to know whether it has been ascertained by the Board of which he was President, on what Authority the Native Commissioned Officers were taken into the Company's Service, — whether by regular Commissions or by orders of the Officers commanding to the Southward — or whether any List of their Names was taken at the time of their Admission —.

Reads a Letter from Brigadier Genl Horne to Lieut Genl Sir John Dalling Bart

His Excellency Lieut General Sir John Dalling Bart.
Commander in Chief &c &c &c —

Sir,

At the time the Board of Officers assembled at Tuticoreply for investigating the Claims of the Native Officers who had been reduced since the War Ignave Orders for those of the same description who were on the Returns of the Garrison of Madura to attend that Board, that your Excellency might have at once before you the whole of that description who were to the Southward, and this I was more induced to do as I understood many of those at Madura, who continued to receive the Company's Pay, had not so good Claims on the Service as many of those at Tuticoreply whose Allowance had been discontinued.

By

By some mistake it appears from Captain Pilcher's Information Home, those Orders never reached him, I therefore directed a Board of Officers to assemble at Madura for the same purpose, and now do myself the Honor of Transmitting your Excellency their Proceedings. It is obvious that the greatest part of the Native Officers to the Southward who have been reduced since the War, were formerly attached to the Nabobs Service, and taken into the Company's Pay on the Reference assigning over the Revenues of the Country for prosecuting the War, these Men have therefore lost their Stations in the Nabobs Service, and reasonably hope for a Maintenance from the Company —

I have the Honor to be with respect
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
(Signed) Alex. Read

Head Quarters of the
Southern Forces. Trichinopoly
27th of June 1786.

Read a Letter from Captain Read to Brigadier General Stuart transmitting Proceedings of a Board of Officers at Madura

Brigadier General Stuart
Commanding the Troops South of the Coleroon

Capt Read's Letter to Brig. Gen. Stuart

Sir,

I have the Honor to Transmit Proceedings of a Board of Officers held here by your Order to investigate the Claims of the Native Commissioned Officers of the late Independants on this Garrison for being continued in the Company's Service.

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
Alex. Read
Captain of Brigade

Madura
June 23 1786.

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Head Quarters
July 1784

Final Proceedings and Report of the Board of Officers Mr. of the Native Officers of the late Tanjore Sibbendies and Fricknopoly

The Board assembled at the Presidents Quarters & Taking into Consideration the Claims

Viz.
- Sungapah Naig
- Chinkapah
- Sudabadel Carem
- Jaggernaut Row
- Selchuman Sing
- Selva Ram Naig

Names of the Claimants	Rank held at the time of the Capitulation of Vellore	Rank held at the Peace	Present Rank	From what Corps Removed	Gratuity received	Corps	Present Age	Length of Service
Sungapah Naig	1781	Subidar	Commandt	Nabobs Service	Subidar	1st Battn	44	3 Y 6 M
Chinkapah	1781	Subidar	Subidar	ditto	ditto	ditto	40	do
Seid Abdul Carem	1781	do	do	do	do	do	45	do
Selchuman Sing	1783	do	do	Tanjore Service	Pioneers	1st	dead 1 Year	
Jaggen Naut Row	"	"	"	Subidar	Nabobs Service	"	46	not taken into the Coast Pay

Held in Trichinopoly the 12th June 1786 – to take into Consideration the Claims of Trichinopoly Independents who were in the Company's Pay during the late War

12 June 1786 –

The following Native Officers, who through Sickness and other Causes could not appear before

Commandant
Subedar
do
do
do
Jemadar

Character, Claims & Merit

Consulted
Inclosed Opinion of the Board.

The Father having been an old Subedar in the Company's Service, he was made an Havildar in his Father's Company when five years old & with the Company 12 years in that rank, when his Father being recommended to the Nabobs Commander-in-Chief by General Lawrence, he was recommended as a Subedar in said Battn from which time he has served the Nabob 11 Years & had 2 Months Leave the Battn was Disposed when Tanjore in 1771 in which Action his Brother the Commandt Nagle Marg being taken Prisoner by whom he was promoted to Command'g by Col Stuart in his Brother's room which was very hard when his Brother Left them

The Man & the youngest Brother of the above Lingapah Marg has also served in the Company's Service at the same time with his other Brothers, he being then only 6 years old (their Father then was engaged in the Service of Hyder) followed the fortunes of the Brothers & also became a Subedar in the same Battn as the rest of them with the Brother Nagle Marg and Lingapah Marg when their Father Nagle Marg Died & Subedar of the same Name succeeded his Commandant's Ship of that Battn & was stationed at Vaniambadam on the Coast where he Died of the Bloody Flux & Lingapah Marg was ordered to Tanjore when ordered by Col Braithwaith on their arrival there the Battn was taken into the Company's Pay & about 18 Months after it was detached near Tanjore as before recited, Christopher was desperately wounded in the Head & breast in the Action and carried off the Field with his Brother the Commandant to the Tanjore Country & finally to Bidderah because they apprehended the Enemy would make their way to Trichinopoly and by their Brother Lingapah Marg's Interest with the Enemy's Service there he Christopher was enabled to make his Escape & join the Englishmen at Trichinopoly in October 1783

He says he served the Company as a Private Horseman in 1760 under Genl Coote and that when the Regt he was in was ordered he was disappointed & left behind one of the Corps – That he has served the Nabob from that time & was promoted to Subedar 1771 That he belonged to Nagle Marg's Battalion, and was at Vaniambadam when retreated with the Battn from thence as above recorded fought with it near Tanjore for three hours after which he was wounded in the Leg and carried Prisoner to Arnee where he remained 8 Months, heard of the Loss in Irons & the next French walk about – That he took an Opportunity and made his Escape from thence to Madras & then joined the old Battn then Commd by Lingapah Marg

He entered into the Coast Service as a Sepoy in the 1st Battn of Madras Sepoys at Madras in the Year 1764 or 1765 & that he was Jemadar in 1769 about 20 Years after he was promoted with some other Officers and appointed to a Northern Battalion & served some time as a Supernumerary at Madras after which he was by some Cartel to the King of Tanjore with whom he served about 8 Years as a Subedar & till by Order of Genl Coote all Officers belonging to the Company's Service were required to join their Battns & then Commanding Tanjore procured him Leave to quit the Service, but the Enemy was surrounded & plundered him on the road & obliged him to take refuge with the Southern Army – where he served about a Year as Subedar of Sepoys & has produced to the Board a Certificate from Capt Bryan of his Good Conduct & Bravery while in Service

He says he served the Company at the Siege of Pondicherry in 1760 & for 2 Years after the French War as a Sepoy & then was promoted to be a Naick & Havildar & served 8 Years as a Jemadar when he was promoted to Subedar & served until he was taken Prisoner at the Siege of Arnee he made his Escape from thence & was after Prisoner at Vellore & Trichinopoly & various other Places in which he has spent the best Years of his Life and now begs to be admitted into the Company's Service

The Havildar Claims and recommends as well Character & Conduct as Health & is recommended to the Board as a deserving Man

The 16 Subedar 1786

Recommended that he be appointed to do Duty until his Health will permit his taking a regular Station in the Corps

J. C.

The Jemadar Claims on the Ground of his Father's Services & his own Merit & Conduct & is recommended to the Board as a deserving Man

Recommended that he be appointed to do Duty until his Health will permit his taking a regular Station in the Corps

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The Board thinks this Man entitled to some Encouragement & recommend that he be appointed to do Duty until his Health will permit his taking a regular Station in the Corps

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Head Quarters — 8 July 1786

Lieutenant General Sir John Dalling Bart
Commander in Chief &c &c &c

Col Kelly's Letter to Lt Gen Dalling with the Journal of the Board of Claims & Proceedings

Sir,

Accompanying I have the honor of transmitting you the Report of our Board on the Case of Claimants for Lands and would be glad of your Orders to dissolve the Board, which I believe there will be no further occasion for —

It would give me great Pleasure to hear that those already recommended have been readmitted into the Service at least on half Pay until there shall be vacancies for them, as the most of them exist but by the Sword and if not taken into our Service must seek Bread above the Ghauts, where the Carnatic Officers are ever welcome —

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most faithful
and Obedient
humble Servant

Signd Robert Kelly

Trichinopoly,
19th June 1786.

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Head Quarters
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Names	Rank	From what Fund Paid Compensation Claimed	Time what Fund Paid	Remarks
Sirca Cawn	Jemedar	Mo Sowars	Mo Sowars	Paid Sowars
Sirdah Nacy	do	Mahbl Sowars	do	do
21 Shah Nacy	do	do	do	do
Shaik Sahdoo	do	Mo Sowars	Paid Sowars	Paid Sowars of wanted
Shaik Mahsun	do	Mahbl Sowars	Paid Sowars	do
Vencatty Ram Doo	do	do	do	do
Kaula Oboon	do	do	do	do
Shaik Soliman	do	do	do	do
Shaik Ayder	do	do	do	do
Ray & Baboo	do	do	do	do
Rungiah Nacy	do	do	do	do
Sale Khan	do	do	do	do
Chay Sing	do	do	do	do
Abd. Sundar	do	do	do	do
Ryman Sheriff	do	do	do	do
Mustahully	do	do	do	do
Ram a Sawny	do	do	do	do
Shaik Tallan	do	do	do	do
Ram Mahomed	do	do	do	do
Hawa Boran	do	do	do	Garrison Duty
Shaik Hadun	do	do	do	do
Ryman Sing	do	do	do	do
Officer Colum	do	do	do	do
Mr Lionel Manton	do	do	do	do
Hyder Mustapha	do	do	do	do
Fakir Mahomed	do	do	do	do
Mr Jos	do	do	do	do
Angelo Boy	do	do	do	do
Ram Coan	do	do	do	Garrison Duty if wanted
Timer Coan	do	do	do	do
Mungiah	do	do	do	do
Ramasawmy	do	Mahbl Sowars	do	Left to the Commander in Chief
Mahoo Veeraiah	Servants	Mo Sowars	Mo Sowars	Paid Bymaning the new Batta

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NB For a recommendation of Jemidar Ramah Kistnama & the Continuance Custom & Batta Vide Extract Letter to Col Kellys Letter of the 16th May — Jemidars Venkatadam and Vencatramy not being fixed on Early noticed for any distinction in the Sowars they are unable above And the enclosed Papers will fully enable & enable by the Board of Officers concerning their Claims

Enclosed is the Proceedings of the Board of Officers held South of the Coleroon to enquire into the Claims of the Native Officers of the Jemidars & Subadars and the Jemidar and Corps of the Southward.

Names	Rank	From what Fund Compensation Claimed	Time what Fund Paid Compensation claimed	Remarks
Vencatachelum	Jemedar	Mo Battalion	Indiscriminately Southward	Their Claims were good but the Opinion of the Board that he has suffered them by the Conduct set forth by Capt Cadmore
Ramasawmy	do	Mahbl Sowars	Do	Their Claims will be best given at Madras. The Board cannot admit Jemidar to give the Man who was entertained when going to Guiga

Head Quarters 8th July 1786

Lieutenant General Sir John Dalling Bart
Commander in Chief &c &c &c

Col Kelly's Letter to Lt Gen Dalling with the Proceedings of the Board relative to the Claimants

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